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Europe Jolted

By Currency

Turmoil in

Scandinavia

Finland Cuts Markka

Loose From Ecu, While

Sweden Sets 24% Rate

By Tom Redburn

In what could be a preview of wider Europe an exchange-rate turmoil to come. Finland cut its currency loose Tuesday to sink downward as Sweden raised interest rates sharply, to a record 24 percent, to defend the stability of the krons.

The moves in Scandinavia, which further strengthened the Deutsche mark and depressed

the dollar, reflected not only regional problems

but also widespread uncertainty over Europe's

Finland's announcement that it would let its currency float indefinitely pushed the markka

down almost immediately by about 15 percent.

Sweden, in response, increased its key lending rate by an astronomical 8 percentage points, from 16 percent, to prevent an outflow of funds

into the haven of the mark. Norway, which actively bought Norwegian kroner to support its currency, was forced to let money-market

interest rates rise to help hold the line.

The Nordic countries have been hit particularly hard by currency instability because of

investors' fears that governments there may not

be able to stand the wrenching pain of their

abrupt shift from cozy, relatively insulated wel-

"In Sweden, they have gone from 60 years of

providing full employment to a policy of fight-

ing inflation at all cost as preparation for enter-ing inflation at all cost as preparation for enter-ing the European Community," said Anders Bratenious, Scandinavian analyst at Goldman Sachs International in London. "The markets

are testing the politicians in their determination

collapse of the nearby economy in the former Soviet Union, gave up the fight for now. Swe-den promised to soldier on.

unchanged," said Bengt Denis, head of the Swedish central bank. "Finland's decision to let

its currency float does not alter Swedish ex-

"A Swedish devaluation is out of the ques-

tion," contended Ingvar Carlsson, leader of the opposition Social Democratic Party. He added that he agreed with Prime Minister Carl Bildt

on that issue, despite disputes over government

The rush into marks from Scandinavia put more strains on the weaker currencies in the European exchange-rate mechanism, such as the lira and pound, and pushed the sunken U.S.

Some analysts saw the wild Scandinavian

currency scramble as a possible prelude to a scenario that could unfold within the European

Community itself if France rejects the Treaty

on European Unity in its referendum on Sept.

kets like a tropical storm, wreaking havoc from one region to another," said David Roche, chief

European strategist at Morgan Stanley Interna-tional in London. "At the center of the storm is

political uncertainty over the outcome of the

It was the second time in less than a year that

Helsinki was forced to bow to market pressures and devalue the Finnish currency. Last Novem-

ber, in letting its currency float for a day,

Finland cut the value of the markka by 12.3

percent against the European Currency Unit, a

weighted measure of 11 EC currencies. This time, the government declined to say how long

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Slump Imperils

'Lifetime' Jobs

"It is clear it is not a matter of days or

the currency fluctuation would continue.

"Instability has been going through the mar-

change-rate policy."

dollar down further.

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"The Swedish krona's exchange rate stays

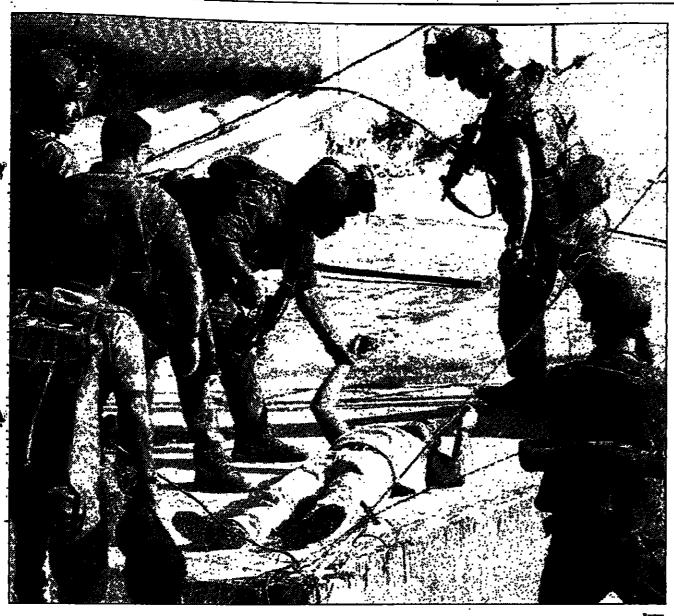
to stick with the fixed currency course." Finland, in the midst of a particularly deep downturn sparked by the drop in world demand for its basic forest products and the

fare states only a few years ago to the competi-

tive rigors of European economic unity.

plans for economic and political integration.

nai Herald Tribune



DEATH IN JERUSALEM — Police surrounding body of Eitan Mor, whom they killed on Tuesday after he broke into a mental health, clinic, killing four women and wounding two more. Mr. Mor had a history of mental liness, but his motive for the attack was not known.

Brother, Can You Spare An Economic Moniker? Everyone Agrees Times Are Tough, But Few Ready to Cry 'Depression'

By Louis Uchitelle New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- The question is, what to call these hard economic times. What has been happening since 1989 seems momentous enough to enter history as a major economic event of the 20th century. But none of the words and phrases that described hardship in the past seem adequate today. And the world awaits a name, a label that will evoke the nature of these times. The name problem comes up often in conversations with economists. There is a pause in the conversation while they grope for a phrase, often producing a suphemism that masks growing alarm, including their

own, over persistently weak economies.

The vast size of the American economy means that a slowdown in it drags down world growth with it.

ically, the American recession is over, but spiritually, it continues. Technically, the United States is enjoying a recovery, but as the weak growth continues, that word is heard less and less. And always the weak growth suggests that the economy could contract again, restarting the reces-

"We have this thing that is vaguely remi-niscent of the 1930s," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. The favorite labels are "stagnation" or, a degree stronger, "persistent stagnation." Both fail to capture the gloom of millions who are falling, not stagnating, having lost their jobs or portions of their incomes.

Almost as popular among economists but also not catching the mood, is the unrhythmic "structural imbalance," also known as "structural malaise." The jargon refers to the obstacles to pros-perity that piled up in the 1980s, such things as overindebted consumers and cor-porations, now too busy paying off loans to spend freely, and the surplus of empty, unrented office buildings in many countries, discouraging construction.

"Recession" comes easily to many as their stopgap description of their hardships — until a better label presents itself. "Recession" also has its offspring: "lingering recession," "recessionary period" and "growth recession." The latter is resurrect-ed from the 1960s, when it meant economic growth too weak to create enough jobs for all the people entering the labor force. That is a problem today, but not the only one.

Alan Greenspan, chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, has a favorite metaphor for the U.S. scene. The economy he says, is trying to buck a 50-mile-an-hour headwind, which he hopes is tapering off.

Among the few who resort to the D-word — depression — S. Jay Levy and his son David Levy of the Jerome Levy Economics Institute at Bard College are trying to popularize the phrase "contained depression." With bank failures and other setbacks, the Levys argue, the United States is experienc-ing a 1930s-style Depression "contained" by deposit insurance and other government spending that supports the economy.

Eliot Janeway, an economics consultant, is not as charitable. For him, recession becomes depression when hard times in the United States spread abroad, as they have to Europe and Japan. What is more, he said, the main criterion of a depression has

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In a Remote French Village, Maastricht Casts a Somber Shadow

New York Times Service
SAINT CEZAIRE-SUR-SIAGNE, France The French flag flies from the local school, chilled rosé wine is being served at the Bar Lions, and a score of men are playing petanque.
It is hard to imagine that this mountain village behind the Riviera is under threat.

But mention the Treaty on European Union that French voters are being asked to ratify in a referendum on Sept. 20, and brows furrow darkly. To many-villagers here, indeed to meet,

it represents change — change of a kind that is certain to be unpleasant. "People in poor countries will see that

France is a good place to be and they will all An array of French cultural and business lead-

ers backed the treaty. Page 2. come here." Edouard Goletto, a 54-year-old

road builder, said, taking a break from his petanque match. "France is already invaded by foreigners. That's why I'll say 'No.'"

Antoine Cesino, a 64-year-old retiree, nod-ded solemnly.

"Saint Cézaire is a peaceful place," he said of his tiny birthplace 50 kilometers (30 miles) northwest of Nice. "But after this treaty thing, who knows if it will remain peaceful? Things are bad enough in France as it is. I'm also for

Several polls late last month indicated that a narrow majority of voters would also say "no," although more recent surveys have shown a

slim majority in favor of the treaty, which commits the European Community to adopt common foreign and security policies and to create a single regional currency by 1999.

[Three opinion polls released Tuesday showed the majority in favor of the treaty falling to a thin margin, with many voters still undecided, Reuters reported from Paris. Two surveys showed a 52-to-48 margin in favor of the treaty, and a third poll had the two sides neck-and-neck. But up to 33 percent of the respondents were still undecided. In all three

polls, the gap was within the margin of error of

The referendum is crucial because the treaty, which was negotiated in the Dutch city of Maastricht in December, can enter into force only if it is ratified by all 12 EC nations. Already rebuffed by voters in Demmark in June, it will have to be abandoned —or, at best, renegotiated - if France also rejects it. While President François Mitterrand and the

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- Draft Record Dogs Clinton | Japan Gives Final Go-Ahead to Troop Dispatch

Bush Goes on the Attack on an Issue That Governor Left Open to Criticism

By Dan Balz

Washington Post Service
WAUKESHA, Wisconsin — Two weeks ago, Bill Clinton went before the American Legion to offer what he hoped would be "one final statement" about the controversy over his draft record during the Vietnam War. His attempt to put the issue behind him appears to have failed. President George Bush, meanwhile, has erased any doubt that he will make Governor Clinton's draft record a central theme in his campaign to raise concerns about his Democratic opponent's fitness for the presidency. Invoking a former Democratic president, Mr. Bush told a Labor Day audience of Repub-

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lican supporters: "Harry Truman wanted to join the military and fight for his country. So do l, and I did."

The president's criticism came almost at the same moment that Mr. Clinton, campaigning in Mr. Truman's home town of Independence, Missouri, again found himself on the defensive over questions from reporters about what happened more than two decades ago. In reaction, he sought to shift the focus to Mr. Bush's role in the Iran-contra affair.

Ultimately the people will decide what relevance they place on Mr. Clinton's draft record in determining their vote in November. While some say they think other issues are more important, Mr. Bush and his advisers are wageing that the draft issue can be effective with voters who may be dissatisfied with the president's performance on the economy but un-comfortable with the prospect of Mr. Clinton as

It was Mr. Clinton who raised the draft issue assin in his speech to the American Legion last pullath as a way of inoculating himself from further attacks during the final weeks of the

The governor's aides believed that if he could deal with both his lack of military service and his opposition to the Vietnam War before the

veterans' audience and come away without scars, Mr. Bush and the Republicans would have a hard time persuading the voters that what happened more than 20 years ago during a controversial war was relevant to the 1992 de-

Mr. Clinton's team appears to have miscalculated in two ways. The first was in underestimating Mr. Bush's

willingness to use the issue aggressively in an effort to crode confidence in Mr. Clinton. "We think it's legitimate, especially from a guy who's got a war record," said Marlin Fitz-water, the White House press secretary, refer-

ring to Mr. Bush.

The second miscalculation was not recognizing that Mr. Clinton's handling of the draft controversy earlier this year left him open to intensive scrutiny whenever new information, large or small, came out about his record.

A week after the American Legion speech, a report in the Los Angeles Times described how Mr. Clinton's late Uncle Raymond Clinton had lobbied the Hot Springs, Arkansas, draft board and others to prevent Mr. Clinton from being drafted in 1968.

The article said the lobbying had produced a spot in a Navy Reserve unit, which Mr. Clinton did not take. It was not clear whether he had ever been offered it. When first asked about the report, the governor said he knew nothing about his uncle's activities

Later in the week, when it was shown he had been told about the navy reserve slot last March - 24 years after the fact - Mr. Chinton came under renewed questionin

In Independence on Monday, Mr. Clinton said: "This story was made up by the press because they asked me a question about an article they had not read that I had not read. It's amazing to me that even if all this stuff was true, it doesn't change anything about what I did or knew at the time."

He added: "I knew nothing about it and it does not affect the truth that I have told about

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TOKYO — The government gave final approval Tuesday to send Japanese soldiers to Cambodia next month as United Nations peacekeepers, clearing the way for the first deployment of ground troops abroad since World War II.

The order, which takes effect Friday, accepts a formal request by the United Nations for 600 soldiers, 75 police officers and eight ceasefire monitors to join the Cambodia mission.

The soldiers' primary task will be to repair bridges and roads damaged in 13 years of war in Cambodia, where 20,000 UN troops are keeping the peace and preparing the way for free elections next year.

The order has been planned since the Diet approved a bill in June authorizing peacekeeping missions, despite opposition protests. The opposition argues that sending troops overseas violates Japan's constitutional provision against using force to settle international dis-

Because of the opposition, the governing Liberal Democratic Party agreed to a compromise limiting the military's duties mainly to rear-

echelon work such as construction. The Japanese soldiers will be dispatched by mid-October for about a year of duty. The 600 members of the engineering corps will be replaced after serving for six months by another 600 soldiers.

Kiosk

UN Guards Die in Bosnia

Heavy machine-gun fire raked a United Nations convoy near the Sarajevo airport Tuesday, killing two peacekeepers, UN officials said.
"We do not know at this point which side attacked the convoy," said Yusuf Khalef, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo. Serbian militias and Bosnian government forces have positions near the airport.

The assault appeared to be deliberate, because the shooting went on for several minutes and scored direct hits on the convoy, military

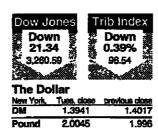
Bush Presses for Storm Aid

President George Bush said Tuesday that he would ask Congress for more than \$7.6 billion in emergency aid to victims of the harricane that recently struck Florida and Louisiana even though this would increase the U.S. budget deficit.
"It's a large financial burden," Mr. Bush said, "but the personal

and human need is even more staggering." (Page 3)

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Géneral News European police cast their net wider and tighter. Page 6. The ANC was criticized for the Business/Finance Britain's Winney out its dividend after posting a loss. Page 14.

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Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany during a parliamentary budget debate Tuesday. Finance Minister Theo Waigel suggested a strategy to improve life in Eastern Germany. Page 11.

For Japanese By Paul Blustein Washington Post Service TOKYO - Amid economic hard times, one of Japan's premier companies is sending a disquieting message to the nation's white-collar

work force: Your "lifetime" jobs may not be so secure after all. TDK Corp., the world's largest manufacturer of magnetic tapes, is planning to instruct about

TDK says it will continue paying the managers about 90 percent of their salaries until they reach the retirement age of 60 and will even allow them to accept jobs at other companies. But by sending its least-valued officials home. the company is hoping to shock its management team out of the complacency that some-

50 managers age 50 or over to stop working for

times accompanies Japanese-style job security. The action, disclosed by the president of TDK, Hiroshi Sato, in recent news interviews, is the most extreme measure yet by a big-name Japanese company in response to the nation's

economic downturn. While Americans have grown used to executives losing their jobs in midcareer, it is still extremely rare at major Japanese concerns, which cherish their tradition of providing jobs to all employees through good times and bad.

As the Japanese economy has slowed to a crawl over the past few months, nearly all companies have slashed costs by reducing overtime, ordering executives to cut expense-account spending and encouraging workers to take paid leaves. Many have sought to trim payrolls through attrition - for example, by miting recruitment of college graduates — and

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In the New Age of DNA, It's Genes, Not Jeans, That Call the Tune

By Rick Weiss

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Consummating a strange and wonderful marriage between science and art, the twisted coils of DNA are winding their

way into popular culture. In the New Age bookstores of San Francisio, exotic music composed from the resonating frequencies of various genes is all the rage. A New York company is developing wind chimes timed precisely to the atomic vibrations of

in France, pens charged with DNA-laced ink offer writers and artists the cachet of signatures that can be anthenticated by the forensic technique of DNA fingerprinting.
The surest sign that DNA has entered the

zeitgeist is a California company's pian to sell cards bearing the likenesses of celebrities, each impregnated with a cloned smidgen of the personage's genetic material.

Many molecular biologists are shocked to learn that the commercialization of genetic technology has taken such twists, but perhaps they should not be too surprised. Computers

led to computer games as well as spreadsheets. And holography hatched light-diffracting postcards and key chains. It was inevitable that deoxyribonucleic acid too would sometime dif-

fuse from the laboratory to the streets. Biotech's transition from technical to trendy was pioneered by Dr. David Deamer, a hio-physicist at the University of California at

Davis, who began composing music to the tune of the genetic code about a decade ago.

An amateur musician given to playing the accordion in Italian restaurants, he noted that written DNA sequences - which are strings of A's, T's, G's and C's representing the mole-cule's four chemical subunits, adenine, thymine, guanine and cytosine — bear a striking resemblance to written musical riffs.

Since musicians already recognize A, G, and C as musical notes, he had only to transpose the T's to E's — chosen for its part in the familiar C major sixth and A muor seventh chords — to render DNA playable.

On a music synthesizer he played a few bars of a human DNA sequence that a colleague

had been analyzing. "Immediately it sounded sensible," Dr. Deamer said recently.

The biological significance of that stretch of DNA still remains a mystery. But a tape recording of the sequence met with critical acclaim at a genetics conference, inspiring Dr. Deamer to produce a second tape, featuring tunes with names like "Alu" and "Blur," acronyms relating to DNA-cutting enzymes, and

"Tm one of the few people on Earth who can hum the insulin gene," Dr. Deamer said. Molecular music took an evolutionary leap a few years ago when he began collaborating with Susan Alexiander, a music theorist and composer teaching at California State Univer-

Ms. Alexiander wanted to take DNA be-yond its four-note range, so they devised a scale based on DNA's atomic structure. To do so, the team exposed the four bases of

DNA to infrared light and measured which wavelengths each base absorbed. Since each DNA base has a slightly different atomic structure, and so wobbles and vibrates differently in space, each absorbed a unique array of about 15 different wavelengths.

Converting the wavelengths into frequency, or pitch, and dropping each note 35 octaves to bring it into the audible spectrum, the team for the first time brought the natural resonances of

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In Convoy To Bosnia

Firing on UN Unit Seen as Deliberate

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SARAJEVO — Machine-gun fire struck a United Nations convoy arriving from Serbia late Tuesday, killing two French peacekeepers and wounding at least two others, UN officials said.

The attack was carried out near the Sarajevo airport, where an airlift of humanitarian aid was suspended after an Italian aid plane was downed Thursday.

A UN spokesman said it was not immediately clear who fired on the convoy, but Serbian militiamen and Bosnian government forces have positions near the airport.

Military officers said they thought the attack was deliberate because the gunfire went on for at least five minutes. Four UN peacekeepers in Bosnia

have been killed and 46 wounded since June, and four Italian airmen were killed when their relief plane was shot down. UN and Italian officials say the plane was shot down. UN officials said it was unlikely the airlift would resume soon because governments providing planes wanted stronger security guarantees.

In Rome, the Italian defense minister, Salvo Ando, ruled out the resumption of aid flights to Bosnia unless the UN introduced security measures to protect them. Mr. Ando said that a much larger contingent of UN troops was needed in the former Yugoslavia, Without security guarantees, he said, "the resumption of our missions is un-thinkable."

Sarajevo is recling from heavy clashes as government forces have tried to break through lines of Serbian militias encircling the city. where food and other supplies were running low. People scuffled over supplies of drinking water Tuesday as the main water supplies into Sa-rajevo remained blocked.

UN officials said there would be renewed contacts with Serbian, Muslim and Croatian factions to secure guarantees that engineers could conduct repair work in the Bosnian capital without danger of being fired upon. Inhabitants have been drinking rainwater since sup-

plies were cut Saturday.
The co-chairmen of United Nations and European Community mediators, the former U.S. secrethe former British foreign secretary ments awakened by "Europe" Lord Owen, said they would visit among millions of the French. Sarajevo and other centers in the Yugoslav conflict this week. They were expected to press for guarantees from the feuding sides that harassment of aid deliveries would

stop.
In Sarajevo, hundreds of people carrying buckets lined up Tuesday outside a mosque for fresh water being dispensed by truck. Men scuffled with each other as they tried fill their cans.

Sporadic sniper fire echoed across the city, although Serbian-Muslim artillery clashes that raged the previous night near the airport had died down. Bosnian authorities said that

across the territory a total of 19 people had been killed and 136 wounded in the 24 hours up to noon Tuesday. (AP, Reuters) business leaders and clerics added their sup-port Tuesday to a growing campaign for a "yes" vote in the Maastricht treaty referen-dum Sept. 20.

"If we say no," Antoine Ribood, chairman of BSN Gervais-Danone, said at a news

half the professors at the prestigious Collège de France were among 100 academics and

scientists who called for a favorable vote. "We have no right not to set an example," said Helène Ahrweiler, a prominent educator. "If we only had two words to say, they would be 'Students, vote.' "

The camp that supports the Treaty on European Union appeared to be holding a slim lead, with two new opinion polls finding 52 percent in favor and a third predicting a tie. The polls showed almost a third of voters undecided on the treaty, which calls for closer on political, economic and monetary union within the European Community.

The heads of some of France's leading

PARIS — Influential French scholars, would make the Ecu the world's strongest

"If we say no," Antoine Ribond, chairman of BSN Gervais-Danone, said at a news Two Nobel Prize winners and more than conference, "the mark will be the major reserve currency." He added: "There won't be a second chance."

A survey of 400 industrialists in the newspaper Le Figaro showed French executives, worried about the state of the economy, to be as divided as the rest of the population. It found that 53 percent favored ratification of the treaty, 21 percent opposed it and

26 percent did not know or care. Only half

believed that rejecting the treaty would en-

Two campaigners against the treaty, Jean-Pierre Chevenement and Philippe de Villiers, complained of an avalanche of "yes" propaganda and questioned the accuracy of the Mr. de Villiers said the "no" campaign was getting only a third or less of the television coverage given to those in favor.
"I am surprised that half the French are

still resisting this propaganda, which is depriving French journalists of their credibility," he said. A movement of European Citizens

Against Maastricht said the treaty would produce a society enslaved by industry and commerce. It said it would release next week a list of people backing its appeal for more democracy and protection of the environ-

The president of the Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Joseph Duval, said all popes since World War II had encouraged European unity for the sake of

We must strive for greater economic and political cooperation to build a more peace-ment later made clear that it had merely ful and socially oriented Europe," he told the newspaper Le Monde.

French Heavyweights Join to Support Union Treaty Former Prime Minister Jacques Chirac held his first campaign rally, facing a luke-warm audience of divided party supporters

in the Alsace region bordering Germany. He accused opponents in his own Rally for the Republic of lying when they argued that the treaty would worsen unemployment and endanger France's sovereignty and indepen-

Meanwhile, in Madrid, a Spanish parliamentary committee voted not to rush ratification of the treaty as the government reouested last week.

Prime Minister Felipe González had said it would be a gesture of solidarity with the French if Spain could speed up the treaty's passage through parliament's two houses. But he said there was no question of ratification before the French vote, and the governwanted to ensure that action was complete by the end of the year.

ANC Draws Criticism in Fatal Ciskei **Protest**

By Bill Keller New York Times Service BISHO, South Africa — A day after more than two dozen supporters of the African National Congress were killed in a protest march against the South African black homeland of Ciskei, the ANC came under mounting criticism Toesday for leading its followers into what it was warned could be a deadly am-

Most of the blame for the killings on Monday was directed at Cisker's military ruler, Brigadier Oupa Gqozo, who ordered soldiers to fire on the protesters, and on the South African government, which supports him. But there was also growing criticism of the ANC itself for

engaging in tactics that were said to be needlessly provocative. This criticism came not just from President Frederik W. de Klerk, but from white liberals and newspaper editorial writers who are normaily sympathetic to the ANC's

campaign for majority rule. Senior ANC officials confirmed that a sudden charge by about 100 of its supporters into forbidden Ciskes territory had been approved by the highest leaders of the anti-

apartheid movement, gambling that the army would refuse to fire. The aim of the march was to enter Bisho, the capital of the nominally independent homeland, and occupy the city center until the marchers succeeded in ousting Brigadier Gqozo, who has been a fierce political enemy of theirs.

Brigadier Gqozo said Tuesday that he would not step down or hold a referendum on his rule, as demanded by South African

church leaders. He insisted that his troops fired in self-defense, although even some of the Ciskei soldiers involved said they had seen no firing from the

It was the first time that the ANC had resorted to a kind of East European mass defiance known here as "the Leipzig option," aimed not just at winning concessions but

at toppling authority. "The leaders were aware of the type of man Goozo is," said Keith Mathee, a local human rights lawyer and leader in the Democratic Party, which considered joining the march but backed out after Brigadier Gqozo declared that trespass-

"In their calculations they must have realized that death was one of the possibilities. They also have a degree of blameworthiness." The Star of Johannesburg, a major newspaper that sides with the ANC more often than with the government, said in an editorial titled "Blood on All Hands" that the ANC "must have decided that the blood price was worth paying," and condemned this decision as "politi-

cal extremism of the most cynical Nelson Mandela, who flew to the region to mourn the dead and press his case against the South Africanfinanced Čiskei leadership, did not seem surprised when he was confronted with charges that his group shared some responsibility for the

He told a rally in neighboring Kingwilliamstown that "accusations and counteraccusations have

strands in signatures meant to have TDK: Scary Message for Managers them, and confirm or refute their

(Continued from page 1) some have reassigned workers to different jobs and transferred man-

ters of resignation for possible de-motion or dismissal, no big Japa-

point at which layoffs begin.

about it," said an automobile company official. "We didn't go so far as to say that the ax is about to fall on our heads. But we know that,

provement over the years, white-collar productivity still has a lot of room for improvement."

The news came as a particular shock to executives at TDK, which suffered a 25 percent earnings decline in the year that ended March 31 and another drop of 18 percent in the quarter ended June 30 but which is generally regarded as a well-managed organization.

A company spokesman acknowl-

edged that managers, especially those over 50, had reacted with constamation to the move, because the names of those who will be asked to leave were not disclosed. "Everybody was stunned," he

said. But some officials, he added, have begun to wonder if they ought to volunteer to join the group, since the terms that the company is offering are so generous. The company employs about 250

middle managers over the age of 50, so the reduction in force will

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Lithuania Pullout Is Moved Up a Year

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russia agreed Tuesday to pull all formations out of the Baltic state of Lithuania August, bringing its withdraward. August, bringing its withdrawal deadline forward by more than a year.

President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia and the Lithuanian leader. Vytautas Landsbergis, discussed the withdrawal at talks in Moscow, and a schedule for the pullout was signed by their defense ministers, a Russian

spokesman said. He quoted Mr. Yeltsin as saying a final document was "not quite ready but should be signed by the two leaders in about a month. There were no political obstacles to the accord, which advances the previous 1994 withdrawal deadline set by Russia to the end of August 1993, the spokesman said. Russia had said the troops could not leave earlier because there was no accommodation for soldiers to return to.

An Unusual Call for Change in Iraq

NICOSIA (AP) — A group of Iraqi intellectuals called Tuesday on the government of President Saddam Hussein to change the nation's rigid political system and pay more attention to opposition positions.

Their statement — highly unusual under Iraq's nightly controlled regime — was published in the state-run Al lumburiya newspaper and carried by INA, the official Iraqi press agency, which is monitored in Nicosia. The statement was signed by eight Iraqis, including Wamid Omar Nadhmi, a professor at Baghdad University and head of the Iraqi Society for Balified Science. The other are supported to the Iraqis. Society for Political Science. The others are university and need of the fraction of the fract

in the country. Mr. Saddam, the party leader, has been president since 1979. The Be athist regime has been talking about political changes for some time, including adoption of a multiparty system, but no steps have been taken to implement this.

Athens Police Halt Prestrike Protest

ATHENS (AP) — The police used tear gas to disperse construction workers protesting Tuesday in the city center on the eve of a 48-hour nationwide strike by private and public sector employees.

Strikes by employees of state-owned banks, telecommunications, postal services and the public power corporation are to be held through the week. Olympic Airways, the national carrier, said its services would not be affected by the general strike.

As part of the ongoing protests over the conservative government's austerity program and changes to the retirement system, construction workers marched to the National Economy Ministry. A police spokesman said that a large group of the workers "pushed through a police cordon and entered the building" before being expelled.

Mideast Dialogue on Rise, Bush Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — President George Bush said Tuesday that ovidence is mounting" that all sides in the Arab-Israeli talks may be able to establish a lasting peace. Mr. Bush also announced that he was sending to Congress a request for \$10 billion in loan guarantees for Israel.

"Public posturing has decreased, and meaningful private dialogue has increased," Mr. Bush said at the B'nai B'nith international convention.

Mr. Bush announced last month that he would press for congressional approval of the loan guarantees, but he did not immediately submit the egislation. Some members of Congress had insisted that Israel, not the U.S. taxpayers, pay the "risk premium" associated with completing the

German Rightists Attack in 7 Cities

POTSDAM, Germany (AP) — Rightist radicals attacked refugee shelters in at least seven German towns and cities, the police said

Of the seven attacks reported overnight, five took place in Eastern Germany: in Schulzendorf, Quedlinburg, Anklam, Bohlen and Geisa. Two attacks took place in the West German state of North-Rhine Westphalia. No injuries were reported.

The attacks started with five days of riots in Rostock and have spread

For the Record

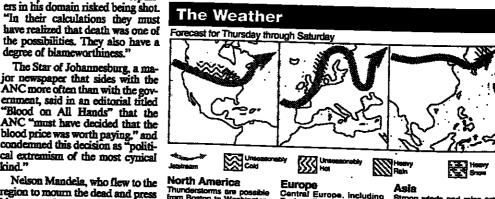
A strong earthquake shook the southern Iranian province of Fars on Tuesday, killing at least one person and injuring 11 others, the official Iranian press agency, IRNA, reported.

Correction

Because of an editing error, an article in Tuesday's editions misinter-preted a comment by Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, a former foreign minis-ter of Indonesia. He said that countries in the Association of South East Asian Nations had hoped that Europe would be "an important player on the world scene in both political and economic matters," helping to provide a counterbalance to the weight of the United States, Japan and China in the Asia-Pacific region.

TRAVEL UPDATE

The Paris public transport authority is installing 123 condom distributing machines on its rail network. The machines, which will distribute condoms in packs of three for 10 francs (\$2.10), will be located in 30 stations of the Métro urban network and 13 suburban stations. (AFP). Plastic cut-out police cars could be used to slow speeding motorists in Britain. The Transport Research Laboratory said experiments on a motorway in Lancashire in northwest England showed that speeding drivers slowed dramatically when they spotted a plastic patrol car, propped on an observation platform.



NOTITI AMERICA
Thurdecsours are possible from Boston to Washington, D.C., Ihen rather sunny weather will be on tap for Friday and Saturday. The end of the week will be chilfly from Chicago to Toronto, but some sun will break out each day. Delfas and Houston will be hot.



Speaking out Tuesday in Paris for the treaty were three educators, from left, Hélène Ahrweiler, Pierre Doyon and Alain Lancelot.

FRANCE: In Remote Alpine Village, Maastricht Casts a Somber Shadow

leaders of France's two main opposition parties are calling for ratification and have been cheered by the latest swing in their favor, the outcome remains uncertain because of the sudden backlash against the treaty evident in France's grass roots.

The Communist Party and the far-rightist National Front as well as dissidents from all major parties are backing the "no" campaign, whose unexpected strength lies in tary of state Cyrus R. Vance and the mixture of fears and resent-

"I don't see why I should say 'yes,' " said Marie-Josée Bonnome, a 40-year-old widow who was sitting at a table outside the Bar Moderne here. "France is already too open. We already have too much unemployment. We're going to get the unemployed from everywhere else. What will happen to our chil-

At a nearby table, where four well as the rest of Europe. young men sipped beer, two said they would abstain and two announced they would oppose the treaty.

"I'm for France!" said Thierry,

"That's enough. Bernard, who also only volunteered his first name, remarked: the Yugoslav conflict "Once in my lifetime they have

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lifetime I can say 'no.'

Worried that Mr. Mitterrand's unpopularity could lead many French voters to use the referendum as a form of protest against his government, supporters of the treaty have urged the electorate to disinguish between France's internal

at the government. In fact, many ordinary French plan to vote "no" on Sept. 20 for reasons that are related to Europe in general but have little to do with the Maas-

For this, the government must take responsibility. Counting on France's presumed pro-European sentiments, it made little or no effort until two weeks ago to explain what the enormously complex treaty contained and why its ratifica-tion would be good for France as

ne ior manv who refused to give his last name. sures to existing plans to eliminate neighbors on Jan. 1, 1993, and even

asked my opinion, so once in my campaign for the French referen- introduce new security controls announcing plans to reduce agri-cultural subsidies across the region. Sin

problems and the opportunities offered by a united Europe. Yet, the reasons given for opposing the treaty go far beyond anger

tricht treaty. And that is complicating the work of its advocates.

As a result, the referendum has scite on everything that "Europe" represents, ranging from EC farming policy and immigration pres-France's internal borders with its

For example, shortly before the

vote against the treaty - which makes no mention of agriculture. The seizure of several German

France's European borders next the treaty becomes law. Why should we take their garbage?" asked Claude Louvel, a retiree from Rouen who is vacation-

ing here. "That alone is a good reason to vote 'no' on Maastricht." In Saint Cezaire, where many of the 2.300 inhabitants are descended from Italian immigrants who came here in the late 19th century, the locals frequently echo nationand open borders — will bring a

East European immigrants. free market within the EC were hesitation that he would vote "yes" approved five years ago. And, in this month. practice, the treaty aims to tighten the region's external borders and people," he said.

dum began, the EC stirred outrage through creation of a new regional among France's vocal farmers by security force to be known as Euro-

Similarly, while Mrs. Bonnome Virtually all the farmers will now said that the fighting in former Yugoslav republics was proof enough that Europe was not ready for unity, the Community argues that it trucks bringing toxic waste into cannot take effective action in cri-France last month drew public at- ses of this kind until it has a comtention to plans to dismantle mon foreign policy — that is, until

What is apparent is that most French have not read the treaty. Even if they did, they would have little hope of understanding the legalistic and technical language of the document, which was drafted principally as an amendment to the 1957 Treaty of Rome that created the original six-nation Common Market.

Indeed, among a score of locals wide fears that the new treaty - interviewed here on Sunday, only and open borders — will bring a Jean Solero, a 59-year-old retiree, new influx of Third World and had some inkling of what the Maastricht treaty contained. And he was But the plans for a single borderthe only person who stated without

"We have to do it for the young

ink carry a \$10,000 price tag, but

have attracted the attention of sev-

pharmaceutical companies.

Perhaps the most innovative

merger of DNA technology and

free enterprise is occurring in Cali-fornia, where Dr. Kary Mullis, a

biotechnologist, recently founded a

company to sell pieces of DNA

cloned from rock stars and other

Dr. Mullis is best known as the inventor of a gene amplification technique called the polymerase

chain reaction, which can take a single bit of DNA and within hours make millions of identical copies.

with the person's picture and some of their DNA worked right into the

card, and some sequence information printed on the back."

WISTS: Genes, Not Jeans

(Continued from page 1) DNA within the register of the hu-

eral European and Japanese com-panies, including some British in-The first thing Ms. Alexjander found was that like the movements of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons," each surance companies, Dr. Lebacq DNA base has a mood of its own.
"Thymme sounds really funky,"
she said. "There are some blue His company is also pitching a DNA-based tracking system to perfumers, fashion designers and notes in there that are so extraordi-

micred "Sequentia," her first original composition using DNA's musical scale. The 21-minute creation for violin, cello, synthesizer, voice and tabla drums is sometimes mysterious, sometimes playful and at one point suggests there may be a gene for country-western after all.

On a different note, a French biotechnology company, Bioprobe Systems, has developed a special writing instrument. Le Biopen, for assuring the authenticity of signa-tures on paintings and official doc-"Originally we were thinking about jewelry," said Mr. Mullis, who considered making bracelets containing DNA cloned from Mick Jagger's lips. "But now we're thinking more about cards. Something a little classier than a baseball card, with the paracely raintenant and some

Biopen ink contains short strands of DNA, 50 bases long whose exact sequence is known only to the company, said Dr. Phi-lippe Lebacq, a molecular biologist and the company's president. Using customized molecular probes similar to those used by scientists to detect specific genes.

The DNA in a signature could remain stable for thousands of years if sealed under a layer of preservative cement, Dr. Lebacq said. And anyone trying to make a copycat ink would face the impossible odds of lacing it with DNA

the company can look for these

The biopen itself is a custom crafted Cartier pen made of costly titanium, platinum and carbon fi-ber. The pen and its DNA-laced

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But except for Ricoh Co., the office-machine company, which demanded in March that its direcbearing precisely the same 50-base tors accept responsibility for poor financial results by submitting let-

> nese company has so much as threatened to lay anyone off. Accordingly, the decision by TDK has caused some unease, even at other companies, because it raises the possibility that Japan's economic troubles will reach the

"We had quite a lively discussion while productivity on the shop floor has shown tremendous im-

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* ELECTION NOTES *

On a Few Measures, Agreeing to Agree

WASHINGTON (NYT) —As the Democratic Congress returned from its recess to complete a session noted more for scandal than lawmaking legislators were maneuvering around President George Bush's campaign attacks while demonstrating to voters that they can enact important legislation.

The agenda is overflowing, and much will depend on the twists of the campaign. But there is a good chance that Congress and the White House can surmount election-year partisanship to enact a few

substantial but less political measures, including those providing aid to cities and setting new energy conservation standards. The predictable partisan obstacles have already arisen to complicate the confirmation of judicial nominations and the enacting of

cate the confirmation of judicial nominations and the enacting of several bills on which the philosophical fault lines run wider. These include an overhant of health-care insurance, an anti-crime bill including gun control, and guaranteed family leaves for employees.

After Mr. Bush denounced Congress at the Republican Convention as "a web of PACs, perks, privileges, paralysis" and attacked individual representatives by name in their districts, Democratic leaders say they are in no mood to compromise long-held principles. They have also timed for maximum political advantage the final decisions on popular bills that Mr. Bush has threatened to veto, like those on family leaves and controls on cable television rates.

But Representative Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri, the House Democratic leader, said, "Even with all of the charged rhetoric from the president, there are things we have to get done and as quickly as

the president, there are things we have to get done and as quickly as The House and Senate are expected to settle quickly an aid package for former Soviet republics, an initiative the administration strongly supports. Congress is also expected to approve loan guarantees for Israel, emergency aid for hurricane crims in Florida and Louisiana, more aid to elementary and secondary schools and possibly a Montana milderness menagement bill possibly a Montana wilderness-management bill.

American Dream a Candidate's Mightmare

MIAMISBURG, Ohio (LAT) — The stetch of suburbia that the political maps dub Precinct 3-B here is a gently rolling land of one and two-story houses surrounded by well-tended lawns, beds of flowers and children on bicycles.

But for George Bush and his strategists, this small slice of the American dream is a reason for sleepless nights. It is the sort of place where the residents worry about keeping taxes low, streets safe and the problems of the nearby city of Dayton at bay.

Four years ago, Mr. Bush crushed Michael S. Dukakis among the precinct's 536 voters and won 78 percent of the vote. That sort of margin in suburban areas proved crucial for Mr. Bush, not just here in Montgomery County, Ohio, but across the country.

But economic troubles have stormed the suburbs like an invader breaching the walls, and Mr. Bush's support has plummeted. Interviews with three dozen likely voters in Montgomery County over the long Labor Day weekend just ended vividly portray how much work Mr. Bush will need to do to win back that support.

"Tve voted Republican ever since I could vote, but the Republicans have done nothing but give tax breaks for the rich," said a 37-year-old homeowner named David, who asked that his full name not be used because of his job as a civilian employee of the U.S. Air Force. "If Bush gets in again, he'll just do more of the same thing."

But as these voters talked in their living rooms and porches or on. their lawns, their comments did reveal some openings for Mr. Bush. Although many said that they planned to support the Democratic candidate, Bill Clinton, few believed that they knew the Arkansas governor well. Much of what they do know is not positive allegations about marital infidelity and his draft record, and his party's history of support for tax increases.

Quote-Unquote

Bill Clinton, speaking in Independence, Missouri, Harry S. Truman's hometown: "Harry Truman woke up every day dedicated to doing right for the people with whom he grew up and with whom he lived, the people who worked hard, raised their kids, paid the taxes and played by the rules. Harry Truman did not wake up every morning worrying about how to lower taxes one more time on millionaires."

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Away From the Hustings

 About 300 striking Les Vegas employees staged a Labor Day sit-in demonstration outside the Frontier Hotel and Gambling Hall, blocking traffic on the famed Strip and causing 179 arrests, the

 A labor dispute at a Brooklyn kosher supermarket turned violent when members of a food workers union pushed past police barri-cades into the store and fought nonunion workers, leaving four people injured, the police and witnesses said.

• Measures to keep jurous anonymous are being considered by lawyers for the four police officers charged with violating Rodney King's civil rights to ensure that they are not intimidated by threats or fear of riots. The four officers will appear in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles Feb. 2 on charges that they violated Mr. King's civil rights during a videotaped beating after a high-speed auto chase in March 1991. The four, who have pleaded not guilty, would each face up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines if convicted.

 The death of a man who lived for 71 days after receiving a behoon's liver may not be resolved, a doctor said, for two weeks as investiga-tors try to pimpoint the cause. The 35-year-old man, who was not identified, died Sunday as doctors tried to wean him from a respira-

 Talks deadlocked between Detroit school officials and the union representing 10,500 striking teachers on Tuesday. No further negotiations were scheduled. A mediator ordered an independent review of both sides' bargaining position. In Philadelphia, 20,000 teachers reached an agreement just before their contract expired.

• A small plane carrying student sky divers crashed into a soybean field near Hinckley, Illinois, minutes after taking off. All 12 people

on board were killed. President Boris N. Yeltsin sent President George Bush his condolences for the deaths and damage resulting from the recent hurricane, the Itar-Tass press agency said Tuesday.



Not singing but campaigning in the rain were Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, at a Democratic Party rally in Independence, Missouri.

The Bush-Clinton 'I Love Harry' Show

By Robin Toner New York Times Service
WASHINGTON -- President George Bush and Governor Bill Clinton have opened their fall campaigns with a struggle over the mantle of President Harry S. Truman: Mr. Bush said Mr. Clinton lacked the character to claim it; Mr. Clinton asserted that Mr. Bush was destroying the very middle class that Mr. Truman had helped

The Arkansas governor chose Mr. Truman's hometown, Indepen-dence, Missouri, for the traditional Labor Day kickoff to his campaign, presenting himself as the committed champion of "the great Ameri-

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the facts of the draft situation.

None of the facts of my story have

He said the late president had left as a legacy "the generation of Americans who went to college because of the GI Bill, who were able to buy a home because of FHA and VA mortgages, who raised my gen-eration with the hope and the op-portunity that all things were possible." He was referring to the program enacted after World War Il to help veterans get a college education and to the mortgage aid provided by the Federal Housing Administration and the Veterans Administration.

In a rousing speech delivered on

CLINTON: Draft Record Nags University of Arkansas Law

But Mr. Clinton is now dealing with a self-inflicted wound, larvely because it took him months to reveal all of what is now known about his draft record.

Not until April, two months af-Cliaton acknowledge that in the spring of 1969 he received a notice ordering him to report for induc-

He escaped induction because the notice arrived in England, where he was studying as a Rhodes scholar, past the deadline for reporting. When he did receive it, Mr. Clinton joined an Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit at the

School, which provided him a student deferment even though he did not plan to enroll at the law school for another full year. That fall, after returning to Ox-

ford, Mr. Clinton said he decided to give up his deferment and himself eligible for the draft. He was reclassified 1-A (eligible for to give up his deferment and make time of reduced draft calls, and escaped service when he received a high number in the first draft lottery, held in December 1969. Asked this week if he thought

there would be more things coming out, Mr. Clinton said: "Do I know what else people may say in the last eight weeks? These people want to keep pounding it. They're desper-ate. How can I control it?"

NAME: Few Call It a Depression

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been fulfilled in America: very sharp contraction in economic ac-tivity. The contraction that he sees is not evident in government statistics, though their accuracy and timeliness are often questioned by economists, particularly Mr.

"I have never seen a deterioration deepen and spread so insidiously without showing up in the

data flow," he said. The hard times that are so difficult to label began in the spring of 1989, when U.S. economic growth fell below an annual rate of 2 percent — insufficient to keep down ployment, sustain wages and generally make people feel prosper-

For 11 of the 13 quarters since early 1989, the gross domestic

product, grew no more than 2 per-cent. And in three of the quarters -from July 1990 to March 1991 ---GDP shrank, which means the U.S. economy was technically in reces-

"Adjusting to the structural im-balances will take a long time," said Robert D. Reischauer, chief economist of the Congressional Budget Office, offering little comfort to people who are unemployed, under-employed or too discouraged to look for work.

"People came to use the word depression in the 1930s to mean hard times, and the hard times lasted until World War II," said Alan Blinder, a Princeton University economist. "This period could also come to be called a depression, in hindsight, but I don't think it is severe enough. We need another

kinship with the Democratic president from Missouri, as Mr. Bush has done in recent weeks. every morning worrying about how roared through Wisconsin and to lower taxes one more time on millionaires," he declared "Harry swing states this fall. Truman gave the special interests

hell. George Bush is giving it to you, year when voters, implicitly or exand it's time you took your future hack." Mr. Bush, campaigning at a pic-

uncertain time in the global econo- camps. my, but he accused Mr. Clinton of trying "to scare American workers so that he can slip into office with that failed tax-and-spend policy of

can middle class" in the Truman the courthouse steps in a heavy can attack, he declared: "Harry rain, Mr. Clinton criticized Mr. Truman was a man of decisiveness, Bush as a man who did not recog- not equivocation. He'd find little in nize the nation's economic suffer- common with Governor Clinton, a ing, its aspirations or its needs and who had no right to claim political most every tough issue,"

The day's exchanges came as Mr. Clinton campaigned in Missouri and Ohio before ending the day in "Harry Truman did not wake up Connecticut and as Mr. Bush

The Truman debate arises in a plicitly, seem to be looking for plain-spoken, truth-telling leader-Mr. Bush, campaigning at a pic-nic and rally in Wankesha, Wiscon-sin, acknowledged that it was an lough is being studied by both

Ross Perot evoked many comparisons to Mr. Truman earlier this year. And Mr. Bush, when his poll ratings sank this summer, began the past."

Mr. Bush talked of Mr. Truman, who in 1948 won re-election man's leadership traits and asserted that Mr. Clinton fell far short of seeking this week to reclaim the popular memory of Mr. Truman Opening a new line of Republi- for the Democrats.

Bush Wants to Give \$7.6 Billion in Aid **To Storm Victims**

George Bush said Tuesday that he would ask Congress for more than a typhoon in Guam.

and Louisiana. and Louisiana.
"It's a large financial burden,"
Mr. Bush said, "but the personal
and human need is even more stag-

He said the spending would increase the huge budget deficit, which is expected to hit \$399.4 bil-

hon this year.
"Some of it unquestionably will be over the budget — not all of it,"
the president said.
But he explained: "Our country

must be able to answer the cries for help from those people who have lost so much and yet, I feel, remain so strong,"
Despite his frequent, election-

year criticism of Congress, Mr. Bush said he was confident that lawmakers would put aside parti-

sanship on hurricane relief. "I don't think there is any grid-

lock at all," the president said.
"We're together on this one."

After a sluggish start in federal relief, Mr. Bush has been intent on

trying to display leadership in dealing with aftermath of the hurricane.
The president urged Congress to move promptly on his request.
"I'm asking that it not become

entangled in other issues," he said. Florida, with 25 electoral votes, gave Mr. Bush his largest margin in 1988 and has been considered a safe Republican state. In planning

the campaign, Republican calcula-

Louisiana has only nine of the 270 votes electoral votes needed to win the White House. In recent elections the state has voted Republican, but this year, with the turbulence created by Ross Perot's brief candidacy, Bill Clinton, the Democratic candidate, has been

given an even chance. The White House said emergency relief for Florida from the Federal Emergency Management Agency was estimated at \$1.5 bil-

The request also includes \$480.6 million to rebuild Homestead Air Force Base, which was destroyed. Mr. Bush announced the aid figure during a meeting with members of Congress in the Cabinet Room.

It occurred as Congress returned to

WASHINGTON — President money includes an unspecified amount for claims stemming from

We're asking for over \$7.6 bil-\$7.6 billion in emergency aid to "We're asking for over \$7.6 bil-clean up and rebuild from the hurricane that recently struck Florida for everything from temporary shelter to guaranteed loans for new homes," Mr. Bush said,

Senator J. Bennett Johnston, Democrat of Louisiana, predicted that Congress would pass the mea-sure within a week. He said he was sure the spending would increase

the budget deficit.

"I would expect Congress to pass
the full \$7.6 billion, maybe slightly
more," the senator said as be left the White House.

Senator Connie Mack, Republican of Florida, said that Governor Lawton Chiles estimated that the state would need between \$6 billion and \$9 billion from the federal govcomment

Senator Johnston said there was "a lot of sentiment" for putting the Corps of Engineers or the military

in control of disaster relief. The president has pledged that the federal government will pay 100 percent of eligible costs for

rebuilding.
The hurricane was the costliest natural disaster in American histo-

ry. It caused an estimated \$20 billion in damage in Florida and \$1.5 billion in Louisiana, Fifty-two deaths have been linked directly or indirectly to the storm. It destroyed or damaged 97,000

homes in Florida and 14,000 in Louisiana. Upwards of 250,000 people were left homeless. In Florida, 118,000 homes and businesses

tions begin with Florida. It is a state he cannot afford to lose.

Are still without electricity.

More than 21,000 U.S. More than 21,000 U.S. troops and 6,200 National Guardsmen have been deployed in Florida. An additional 2,000 federal troops are expected.

Mr. Bush was briefed at Tuesday's meeting by Transportation Secretary Andrew H. Card Jr., who is in charge of the relief effort. Among others present were the White House chief of staff, James A. Baker 3d, and the budget director, Richard G. Darman.

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Trade: An Unfair Needle

When President George Bush announced sive stages to come next year — under whothe successful negotiation of the North ever wins the presidency in November. American Free Trade Agreement last month, the text was not complete. A couple of weeks inter, assailing "protectionist Democrats," he needled Bill Clinton for failing to endorse it and accused him of waffling. What Governor Clinton had said was that in principle he favors a trade agreement with Mexico: "If we have no agreement, we will continue to have manufacturing jobs go on a fast track to Mexico. ... But it has to be the right kind of agree-

ment. I'm reviewing it carefully, and when I have a definitive opinion I will say so." Is that a waffle? You should know that neither Mr. Clinton nor anyone else outside official Washington had seen the still-un-

finished text. The negotiators were working out the details, not all of which were trivial. To score points in the campaign, Mr. Bush has occasionally tried to depict the Democrats as opposed to the agreement and to trade. In fact, both Mr. Clinton and congressional leaders have said consistently that while they favor the idea of an agreement, they will judge this one on its provisions for displaced workers, for labor standards and for environmental protection. Mr. Bush has acknowledged those concerns, and part of the job training bill he proposed two weeks ago would be specifi-cally allocated to retraining workers who lost their jobs as a result of the agreement. That is where the real debates over this free trade agreement will lie - in the questions of degree in providing for the environment and for displaced workers.

You would not guess it from Mr. Bush's comments, but there has been close consultation between the White House's negotiators and the congressional leadership throughout the talks with Mexico and Canada. That cooperation will get even closer in the deciWhen Mr. Bush has a final text and all

the accompanying documents, he will for-mally notify Congress. That will probably be next week. The agreement must lie before Congress 90 days - until well after the election - before the president can sign it. Then, next winter, Congress will begin a highly unusual process. You should note that it is not a treaty, and it does not follow the ratification procedure. It is an executive agreement, and there is still a lot of give-and-take ahead. The trade committees of Congress will

hold hearings and, with the administra-tion's lawyers at their elbows, begin writing the legislation that will enact this agreement into American law. The committees can send the administration back to Mexico and Canada to renegotiate points. When they have legislation on which the committees and the administration agree (as well as the Mexicans and Canadians), they hand it to the president, who will formally send it back to Congress. Under the fast-track rule, Congress then is required to act on it in upor-down votes, with no amendments, with-in 90 legislative days. That will probably be sometime next summer.

The agreement will not have a great offect on America's huge economy. Its main benefit to the United States will be to promote economic growth in Mexico and hold down the tide of hungry immigrants. It will have the same effect on Mexico, encouraging democracy and productivity, that membership in the European Community is hav-bership in the European Community is hav-ing for Spain and Portugal. It is one of the best things that George Bush has done. It is a pity that he is misrepresenting the posi-tions of Democrats who, at this point, are nearly as deeply engaged in the agreement.

Keep Freedom's Radios

a global radio power. This is a voice speaking from America," promised the Voice of America's first broadcast in February 1942. "The news may be good or bad — we shall tell you the truth."

The VOA, originating in Washington and operated by the U.S. Information Agency, now broadcasts in 47 languages. Along the way, it helped spawn Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. These are administratively distinct "surrogate stations" based in Munich and covering Eastern Europe and the former Soviet republics.

But does America still need a global radio voice now that global cold wars are over? A bipartisan commission created by Congress offers a provocative answer: Phase out the Munich stations and cut back the VOA language services. The proposal rests on the argument that radio programming has less impact than television, which should claim budgetary priority.

With the fall of the Soviet empire, that

may seem a sensible conclusion. But it is dangerously premature. New forms of tyranmy and violence provide strong arguments for using these voices, at least for a while, For one thing, television is easily jammed, as Cuba has shown in blocking TV

Marti, the Florida-based station established three years ago by the U.S.I.A. n on Public Di old Radio Marti, which the report praises. Elsewhere, however, the commission feels the future lies with television satellite transmissions and imported TV crews.

This markedly underrates the reach and influence of radio. Foreign broadcasts can bring stunned people together in times of crisis. For example, Boris Yeltsin's state-

Fifty years ago, the United States became global radio power. This is a voice speak-lic opposition to the attempted coup in

Moscow last year. Even so, some argue that the Munich services can be safely abandoned as long as the VOA remains on the job. The argument

overlooks two important points.

The first is that the Voice provides world coverage, while Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty report local news to the listeners' own country. The two stations have spent years developing sources and archives for close-in coverage that the Voice simply

does not attempt.

The second point is that democracy's victory is not final. For example, Vladimir Meciar, the separatist leader in Slovakia, now threatens to silence broadcasts and muzzle publications he judges as hostile. There is still no independent press in post-liberation Afghanistan, which Radio Liberty serves.

In these circumstances, a skilled external news operation can give post-Communist nations a yardstick for judging their own press. Emotional issues like anti-Semitism and minority rights are often treated more fully in Munich than by local media. That is the routine justification for the stations; in extraordinary circumstances - wars, coups - their silence could be calamitous.

Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty could, of course, be eliminated eventually, plomacy would shut TV Marti because it's Baltics to the Balkans. Payrolls and pro-not cost-effective," — unlike nine-year-gramming can be trimmed now. But the gramming can be trimmed now. But the stations ought not to be abandoned in the next year or two, as the Public Diplomacy Commission seems to feel. Leaders like Mr. Meciar, of course, wouldn't mind that at all. Leaders in Congress would do well to ignore the too-hasty recommendations in this toosimple report and keep these Voices alive. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Help Save the Children

mal goals for the year 2000: to reduce infant mortality by a third, to cut malnutrition among young children by half and to deliv-er primary education to 80 percent of the world's children. Unicef has calculated that the more prosperous nations must provide about one-third of the cost through foreign aid programs. Regrettably, appropriations

ste not keeping pace.

These are not easy years for supporters of foreign aid. The shape of the foreign aid budget, however, makes it possible to increase support for these essential and effections. tive child-centered programs. In June, the House passed a bill that dramatically reduced funding for military assistance pro-grams and added support for child survival projects and basic education. This rear-

Two years ago a United Nations summit rangement of priorities reflected dimin-meeting devoted to children set some mini-ished world tensions and also the humanitarian motives that are the basis of the United States's international assistance efforts. Nevertheless, the bill's figures do not keep pace with the reasonable goals set by child-summit supporters for America's par-ticipation. Child survival programs are at \$275 million instead of \$335 million, and basic education would receive \$135 million

instead of \$175 million.

The Senate will consider the foreign aid appropriations bill later this month. While the American government has no legal obli-gation to provide a specific level of funding for children, the moral argument for a generous response is compelling. The goals set for this decade are achievable. It is the right place for American leadership.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

The Blood-Price in Ciskei

Today, the overwhelming feeling among South Africans who long for peace will be one of nausea. Sickness at the fact that more of our people have died in a hail of bullets; that there will be more funerals, more revenge attacks. Sickness at the fact that citizens are still dying because of the machinations of power-hungry politicians.
The Ciske homeland is run by an illegiti-

mate, repressive dictator. Ciskeians have an

undoubted right to protest against him. But his opponents have no greater right to use the avenue of peaceful protest in a manner which is so provocative that casualties become almost inevitable. The ANC's militant massaction proponents must have decided the blood-price was worth paying Brigadier Oupa Goozo and his bruish henchmen will have to answer for the deaths. But so will those who stretched a democratic right to its

limits, ignoring the bloody consequences. - The Star (Johannesburg).

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OPINION



Bush or Clinton, These Forces Point to Big Change

WASHINGTON — They have had some weeks now to work into their roles, and neither is entirely comfortable — or plausible. Bill Clinton plays John F. Kennedy with a Southern drawl. George Bush, even more improbably, tries to play

Harry S. Truman. But the dress rehearsals and pre-views are over. The race for the White House has begun in earnest. I hope the campaign will be fought for large stakes, on large issues — and that the outcome will take at least a few inches off the peak of public cynicism that has been building up. There is, to be sure, a risk that the

race will deteriorate into an exchange of empty charges and personal at-tacks that will dismay voters and deny the country a serious discussion of its future. Both Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton have vulnerabilities that invite such tactics.

Mr. Bush ran that kind of cam-paign against Michael Dukakis in 1988, and won. Mr. Clinton ran that kind of campaign against Paul Tson-gas in the Southern "Super Tuesday" primaries, and won. They may be tempted to try it again. But even the most hard-boiled operatives in the rival camps recognize in conversation that the voters see this as a "high stakes" election. Going "down and dirty" may be riskier this year than in

The buildup in the importance of this election has been gradual. Four years ago we knew that the congressional side of this year's campaign would be exceptionally important: In 1992, for the first time in 20 years, the decennial reapportionment and re-districting of the House of Representatives would coincide with a presidential election. That alone guaranteed more volatility in the usually turgid House contests.

What we did not know was that

scandals in the House bank and post office, the congressional pay raise, and three years of increasingly obvious partisan gridlock would turn incombency from a blessing into a curse for many members.

Now, with 15 primaries to come, at least 82 members of the House have already been removed — by retirement, defeat or redistricting — and it is perfectly possible that one-third of the 435 members next January will be newcomers to Capitol Hill. That will change Congress in ways we cannot begin to describe — whether or not party ratios change.

Should the party alignment shift by 20 seats or more in either direction, which is quite possible, a radical readjustment would be in the offing: If the Democrats are the winners, they would have a veto-proof majority on many issues; should the Republicans come out on top, it would restore the possibility of a conservaBy David S. Broder

The Senate also faces a decisive year. Its current class has seen a substantial partissn shift each time it has faced the voters. In the Watergate election of 1974, the Democrats gained four seats and set the stage for a presidential victory two years later. In 1980, public disillusionment gave Republicans a 12-seat gain and a majority for the first time in 26 years. In 1986, the pendulum swung

again, yielding a net gain of eight Democratic seats and restoration of Democratic control. Now the veterans of 1974 (four of them), 1980 (eight of them) and 1986 (10 of them) are running again. And once again, whichever party wins this battle will likely have won the war,

The presidential race, sitting atop this bubbling cauldron of partisan battle, has taken on unusual significance in itself. Three years ago, two years ago and even a year ago, Mr.

assuring itself control for another

Bush looked a safe bet for re-election — so safe that many "first-team" Democrats decided to sit out 1992. Democrats decided to sit out 1992. But with a recession, a tardy and weak recovery and earthquakes, urban riots and a hurricane, a dispiniting sense of public disillusionment took hold. Recently, more than three-quarters of the electorate expressed the view that the country was headed in the means disection.

in the wrong direction.

The public mood swing set the stage for a classic "time-for-a-change" campaign, and Bill Clinton, 45, was ready to provide it. When he picked another baby-boomer, Senator Al Grean of Temperson as his runtor Al Gore of Tennessee, as his running-mate, the battle with Mr. Bush became not just a struggle of parties and philosophies but of generations.

At a deeper level, historical forces seemed to signal a time for remodeled leadership and redirected energies. For almost five decades, under presidents and Congresses of both parties, the United States had led an international alliance to contain communism.
During George Bush's first term, the
Cold War ended in triumph.
Mr. Bush, who had spent much of

his governmental career in key Cold War bartleposts, clearly was struggling to regear his energies and redi-rect his focus to the domestic challenges that cry out for action. And here came the Democrats, with the most youthful ticket in this century, ready to end 40 years of White House occupancy by men who wore the country's uniform during World War II and the start of the Cold War.

I don't know who will win this presidential race. That is a good feel-ing in itself after so many Labor Days when the verdict seemed forcordained and the campaign a mere charade. But I would bet it will be the candidate who talks most seriously and convincingly about how to deal with the economic, educational and health needs of the nation - and shows enough candor and guts to act on what he says.

The Washington Post.

But How Can They Ignore the Asians?

WASHINGTON — On both sides of the U.S. presidential campaign, a noticeable vacuum of ideas exists on the economic chal-

lenges posed by Asia.

The Republicans refuse to learn anything from Japan, which in its current economic troubles is again becoming leaner and meaner under its technocrats' guidance. Having interests of the second of the seco vested two times per capita the U.S. rigure in plant and equipment for at least four years, Japan is poised to come roaring out of its recession in 1994, midway through the next

American administration.
George Bush — who forges majestically into any loreign policy battle so long as the weapons are guns and not yen or Deutsche marks --- seems not to know that foreign policy is economic policy. The president said, with an eye toward Japan: "We may have more will than wallet, but will is what we need." He thereby achieved a Republican miracle: the complete delinking of economic from military might.

The Republicans continue to promote an anachronistic 18th century necclassical theory of self-adjusting markets. Yet the dollar is falling against the yen as Japan is racking up record trade surpluses with the United States; this is not supposed to happen in self-adjusting markets. The Republican Party substitutes mantras like "private industry" for an understanding of the economic

system Japan has created.
As for the Democrats, Bill Clinton has said basically nothing about Ja-pan. His economic proposals stress a lot of obviously good things, like bet-

the ecosystem's regenerative and as-

Communication breaks down not

only over the notion of growth, but

over the question: growth for whom? Lester Brown, president of World-watch Institute, believes that "aban-

doning growth as an overriding goal

does not and must not mean forsak-

ing the poor." He concludes: "More growth of the sort engineered in re-

cent decades will not save the poor,

only strategies to more equitably dis-tribute income and wealth can."

debt-for-nature swaps that link debt reduction with investments to pre-

serve or increase a nation's stocks of

ecological capital in order to redis-

tribute the wealth more "equally."

Both sides agree that reforming the

aggregate measures of economic per-formance in national accounts, such as

gross national product, would be a useful starting point. One way to do this would be to treat natural re-

sources as capital, attempt to establish economic values for them, and treat

decreases as capital consumption and increases as capital formation.

Mr. Brown advocates introducing

similative capacities."

By Chandler Burr

ter education and infrastructure. Why not mention Asia's economic models? Pechaps because one of his chief advisers, Robert Reich, propounds a New Age-style neo-neo-classical utopianism where national borders do not count, corporations treat all employ-ees equally and governments can do little to foster growth.

The Asian model is such a dramatic example of the madequacy of these views that it takes an American presidential candidate to ignore them. In a recent Harvard Business Review artide on Singapore's success, Rajendra Sisodia, a professor of marketing, writes, "Singapore's story demonstrates ... what can happen when a government assumes an instrumental position in shaping and managing the economic environment." The countries of East Asia have been constructing this model since the 1950s, and the Americans take superficial steps at a solution. For example, Michael Porter,

an economist, says in effect that the United States is basically line; it sim-ply needs to make better products.

Apply this "solution" to the old Soviet Union. The Soviets would not have beaten the United States if they had privatized the company that made the Lada or improved their education and roads, Sure, it might have drawn things out a bit. But it would not have changed the fundamental reality: The Soviet system did not work as well as the American. The Soviets still would

have had to waste resources guarding their photocopiers, putting in place cumbersome central plans, fighting market mechanisms and a thought other inefficiencies, which, together, rendered their system fatally inferior. Why will neither party look clearly at Japan then? One reason is that Americans' inculcation with free trade

theology has been so profound. Another is that unlike the United States, which saw with nuclear clarity that it was in its own interest to make the was in its own interest to make the Soviets change to an American-style system, Japan's case is the opposite. Everything Japan does, from its government's policies to its industry's public relations efforts, is intended to

stop America from realizing that Japan is different and, thus, to stop America from changing. For there is no threat to Japan of nuclear annihilation if the United States does not compete. The Japanese, whose economic system is in many ways even farther from America's than the Soviets' was, talk Adam Smith and do government management. This asymmetry may explain the

vacuum in the presidential campaign and America's painful dilemma. While the United States was kind enough to all but mail the Soviets written instructions pointing them toward the scary but inevitable future, the Japanese draw pictures for Americans that continue to lead them back to their anachronistic past.

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Both Growth and Greenery for This Good Earth

WASHINGTON — "Sustainable development" is the current catch phrase used to link free traders and environmentalists. But it masks more ideological conflict than agreement. Each side is persuaded of the moral superiority of its views, and extremists would force us to choose between a growing economy and a healthy environment. On closer look, this choice may not be necessary.

Sustainable development has been defined several ways. In 1987 the World Commission on Environment and Development, headed by Gro Harlem Brundtland, prime minister of Norway, defined it as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." The Brundtland report suggested that conservation efficiency, technological improvements, widespread recycling and a slowing of population growth were necessary condi-tions for sustainable development.

Other definitions are equally di-ductic. Some use such imprecise terms as "lasting satisfaction of hu-man needs." All focus ou intergenerational equity, which is to say "leaving a useful and livable planet for future generations," or "not reducing real incomes in the future." Almost all definitions concentrate on better use of resources.

The sharpest difference among definitions remains whether sustain able development allows growth. Can we "grow" our way into sustainabi-lity, as free traders would have it, or have we reached the limits of growth, as many environmentalists believe? Must economic growth mean envi-ronmental degradation?

Debate is nowhere more sharply engaged than within the World Bank. Robert Goodland : the bank's envi-ronmental department says: "Sus-justment implies numerous prob-

tainability will be achieved only to lems, not the least of which is how to the extent quantitative growth [in cutput] stabilizes and is replaced by qualitative development. All growth measure reduction in the quality of the atmosphere, rivers and lakes, or in the diversity of species. consumes resources and produces wastes. We have reached the limits to

By Robert W. Jerome and Bijan-Daniel Khezri

But if the academic consensus is fragile, the business community has moved forward. Industries, struggling to survive intense competition, create products through technological advances that use lighter, more durable materials, require less energy to produce and pollute less. Such a trend initiative capacities.

In contrast, Lawrence Summers, vice president and chief economist of the bank, says the policy challenge "is to create conditions favorable to income growth and environmental improvement, not a constraint expense. makes for more efficient and competiprovement, not to constrain growth through the imposition of inappro-priate environmental standards."

tive national economies.

For example, Xerox's recycling of packaging pellets avoids 10,000 tons of waste a year and saves the company more than \$15 million a year. A medium-sized textile plant in India, Hari-har Polyfibres, raised production by 20 percent through environmentally conscious changes, and cut energy consumption by 60 percent and chem-ical consumption by 55 percent. Its \$70 million investment was recovered in less than two years.

in less than two years.

Capital markets are promoting sustainable development, too. The Jupiter Tyndall Group, a medium-sized investment management and banking group based in Britain, launched the Merim Ecology Fund in 1988, which is dedicated to invest in companies that contribute to resource efficiency and overall environmental production.

By the end of last year, more than

\$468 million had been invested,

showing strong demand for shares of environmentally responsible companies. This has spawned a service market that provides investors with information on companies' environmental performance and policies, such as First Analysis in the United States, and James Capel and Banque Paribas in Europe.

Environmental concerns are now a strategic part of business and investment decisions. From raw materials ment decisions. From raw manages to stock markets, the marketplace is entwined with the environment. Growth need not contradict environmental sustainability: Today's realities demand both.

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They contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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ty largely independent.
This option lacks nobility. It lacks heroism. It may even lack justice. But it does have the virtue of saving lives. If the humanitarian impulse is what is driving the United States into Bosnia, better to probe the possibilities of partition than to embark on a deadly

Washington Post Writers Group.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Napoleon's Glow

BRUSSELS — The Independence Belge throws light on the question raised by M. Zola's La Débacle, as to whether Napoleon III painted his face before going upon the battlefield of Sedan. It states that when the Emperor passed through Belgium en route from Sedan he spent the night at an hotel in Verviers. He was in a state of terrible agitation, and instead of sleeping he spent the night smoking. The next morning his heirdresser pointed out how terribly worn and pale he looked. Napoleon III, there-tipon, requested the barber to rub a little rouge on his cheeks so that he might not look so terribly downcast.

1917: Pope Interviewed

LONDON - The Daily News publishes an interview of an Allied diplomat with Pope Benedict XV: The Papal Note, was not dictated by Austria, yet, as my intercourse with his

warm comer in his heart for the Danubian Empire. He is Austrophile. His desire to put an end to the calamities of the present war is also largely due to humanitarian motives. His mind is narrow, his outlook that of a bureancrat who cannot see that the safe future of the world depend upon the crushing of Prussian militarism."

1942: Vichy Warned

WASHINGTON - [From our New York edition:] A stern warning that America's Flying Fortresses will con-tinue to bomb German military properties in France "at every opportunity in the future" was delivered Pierre Laval, French Chief of Government today [Sept. 8] by S. Pinkney Tuck, American Charge d'Affaires at Vichy This broggue relegation of I a Vichy. This brusque rejection of Laval's protest against recent air raids topped off a day of developments which indicated that the leaders of the united nations are confident they tria, yet, as my intercourse with his Holiness has taught me, be has a second front against Germany.

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In Bosnia, Portin The Partition F Might Do

By Charles Krauthammer

WASHINGTON — The debate over Bostia is inflamed with historical analogies, some apt (Bei-rut), some not (Auschwitz). The most urgent analogy is to Iraq: If the United States can join in declaring an exclusion zone to protect Iraqi Shiites, why can't it do the same for suffering Bosnians? If it is prepared to impose its will there, why not here?

Because foreign policy is not geo-metrical. If opposing a bad guy there commits the United States to opposing bad guys everywhere, then it should retire from the world and oppose bad guys nowhere rather than bleed itself dry as the righter of all global wrongs.
Moreover, the Gulf War was never

a war against aggression in the ab-stract, however much the president's appeals to American moralism may have implied otherwise. It was a war against a particular aggression by a garicular tyrant in a particular place. A place with oil, charge the cynics. Well, yes. And so what? One need not be cynical to understand that a tyrant with unlimited oil wealth fueling an unlimited armament program featuring ballistic missiles and the imminent acquisition of nuclear weapons is a different category of threat to the world than a tyrant without such assets.

Even if Slobodan Milosevic had Saddam Hussein's dreams, without oil and nukes he does not have the means to realize them. It is not greed, as the cynics imply, that compels America to be more resolute in opposing an oil-fueled tyrant — in 1990-91 the United States survived the loss of both Kuwaiti and Iraqi oil

-but simple, prudential calculation. But what do such calculations do to the vaunted New World Order: Does not the continuing Bosnian war mock American pretensions to leadership of a unipolar world?

No more than, say, the continuing Somali civil war. Yet one does not hear the complaint that until the tur-World Order is mocked. Being the dominant power on the globe does not mean that the United States must respond to every instance of instability. As the only global superpower, the United States has a special re-sponsibility to deal with threats to global stability. Iraq confronted the world with such a threat, a threat which America, and only America, could face down. Serbia does not. Does that mean that the United

States should do nothing to help the suffering Bosnians? No. But it does mean that we start by recognizing that whatever we do in Bosnia is for reasons of humanitarianism and not national interest.

George Kenney, the State Department official who resigned to protest the Bush administration's Yugoslav policy, suggests liberating Bosnia. How? Arm the Bosnians against Serbia. They supply the ground war. America would supply the air war: an air "cap" to interdict Serbian aircraft. air attacks on Serbian ground posi-"logistical facilities" in Serbia itself.

This is not just a serious military undertaking but a prolonged one. The loss of American life would not be as large as in a ground war, but it would be significant and steady.

To undertake so costly and difficult struggle for humanitarian purposes -only in America could such a proposition be taken seriously. It should not. To sacrifice an American life for a Bosnian life is commendable — but only if that life is yours. Statesmen, even American statesmen, do not have the right to launch their nation into large unfathomable military adventures, to risk not their lives but the lives of their countrymen, purely out

of humanitarian feeling.

Even in humanitarian terms, the Keuney proposition is problematic. If Serbia is to be pushed back, there must be much ground fighting, to be borne now by newly armed Bosnians.

The most urgent humanitarian need for the Bosnians today is to stop the fighting. The best way to meet that need is some form of partition, mai need is some form of partition, perhaps disgnised by a system of highly autonomous cantons within a formal but largely fictional Bosnian state. The Muslims, Croats and Serbs of Bosnia would each end up controlling a province formally under a central Bosnian government, but in reality largely independent

strategy of prolonged war.

In Bosnia

OPINION

Again They Hope to See Him Fall

ONDON — They do not like to talk about it too much, or show their hopes too plain. They have been disapported to the control of the control o pointed so often. They have seen so many of their countrymen die when the hopes turned to ashes in the mouth and bitterness in the heart.

But for the first time since the United States allowed Saddam Hussem to survive after the Gulf War, Iraqi civilian rebels who use this city as one of their gathering places are beginning to believe that they can see his end in sight. Not immediate, not inevitable, but

strategically and logically in sight and achievable within a year, or less.

The reason for this new hope is that they think the chances of a large part of the Iraqi Army moving against him

The difference, the catalyst, could be the decision by President George Bush to declare parts of southern Iraq an exclusion zone for Iraqi planes to pro-tect anti-Saddam Iraqi Shiites from Iraqi bombers. In the United States those journalists and politicians who never liked any military move against Saddam Hussein naturally enough shuddered at the order.

But it strikes me as of more moment that Iraqi civilian rebels who risk their lives and freedom fighting Saddam Hussein see the decision as potentially. a political and military turning point.

The United States is now playing catch-up ball with Iraq, demanding a few of the prices that should have been By A. M. Rosenthal

imposed when Mr. Saddam lost the war. But with no-fly orders in the north, to help protect the Kurds, and in the south for the Shiites, with teams of inspectors moving about the country, trade internationally controlled, Iraq is no longer a sovereign state.

The Iraqi civilian rebels hope that particular reality will now take hold in

ON MY MIND

the army — and the knowledge that under Mr. Saddam the wreckage that was Iraq cannot be repaired.

Iraqi rebels do not expect effective cups to center in Baghdad. Saddam Hussein has shown that in Baghdad his massive intelligence corps and his mili-tary bodyguard divisions can strangle a coup before it gets started. But relative safety from Saddam in-creases with distance from Baghdad. Basra in the south and Mosul in the

north, already stirring with anti-Sad-dam hatred, are more likely to see miltary rebellion against him. Separately, representatives of the two main rebel populations in Iraq (the non-Arab Kurdish Muslims and Iraqi Arab Shiites) ask the same things from the West: to follow through politically

on the exclusion zone. They ask for some of the blocked Iraqi funds to buy weapons, medicines

and communication equipment. They ask for steady political and economic pressures, including step-by-step with-drawal of recognition from Baghdad.

The purpose would be not only to damage Saddam at once but to show the army officers that sooner or later he will have to go and that sooner will mean less bloodshed - including their own. Also, the officers will have to be convinced that if they mutiny the United States will not show them what it showed Iraqi

civilian rebels who rose — its back. Some of Washington's Middle Eastern allies fear that the exclusion-zone orders could lead to a breakup of Iraq. It is not Iraq's future they worry about but their own - the idea that contagious breakaway thoughts could spread to their own minorities.

The Turks, the staunchest of America's Muslim allies, have a large Kurdish population. Turkey fears correctly that Turkish Kurdish Maoist terrorists might demand a separate state. But Ankara plays into their hands by harsh military action not just against the small terrorist movement but against whole Kurdish towns in Turkey.

Assuaging Turkey's legitimate fears is a problem that Iraqi Kurds who say they want close relations with Turkey will have to deal with - they and the United States. But there is a bigger one, for all Iraqi rebels. It lies in their very hope of an army rebellion. Won't that lead to a military dictatorship replacing Saddam's?



Yes, they say, it could happen. Once, when American forces were in Iraq, the United States might have been able to prevent a military dictatorship as it did in Germany and Italy after World War

If it happens, they say, we shall see what we can do about that. But unless Saddam goes, there is nothing for us, no future, no life. Do you have a better plan — risk-free?

The New York Times

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

U.S. Campaign: 'Grabbing at the Green' and Other Issues

George Will's statement that Al Gore's "particular [environmental] ideas ... have no constituency" ("Al Gore Grabs at the Green," Opinion, Sept. 3) seems peculiar in light of the surge in Bill Contains a parallerity after Mr. Clinton Clinton's popularity after Mr. Clinton, the Democratic presidential candidate, picked Senator Gore as his running-mate.

Perhaps the greatest contribution of the "Earth Summit" in Rio de Janeiro was that environmentalism is no longer a liberal cause but an ineluctable imperawive. Mr. Will maintains that there is no scientific consensus on global warming. Henry Kendall of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on the other hand, has this to say: "We, the great majority of us here being Nobel Prize winners, have had it up to here with quibbling over scientific principles. Once and for all, we want to say to everybody that we are headed for a catastrophe and this must be

EMILY LODGE

The environment does need preservation, but the issue is greater than the spotted owl. How can others tell Brazil that it cannot make a profit from its natural resources? The United States,

through the United Nations, needs to help reforest and replant the plains of the world. Assemble the experts on air and water quality and set international standards. Then set reasonable time goals for achievement of the standards. The current administration may have been switched down the wrong track, but joining the Democrats would be

getting on the wrong train. PAUL C. RUEBENACKER. Wyckoff, New Jersey.

President George Bush talks in rosy terms about "providing for the future" and moving the country forward. I am an American, 26, a university graduate, and I have a good professional job. But I can't afford health insurance and the prospect of owning a house is a dream. Politics may just be a thing you do at election time, Mr. Bush, but last time around you didn't keep your promises. You say you care, but I'm still waiting.

BRENT ANDERSON. Hong Kong.

The suggestion by the Republican Party chairman, Rich Bond, that if Bill Clinton were elected president, "Jane Fonda would be sleeping at the White House as the guest of honor at a state dinner for Fidel Castro," showed how far removed from today's world he and his party have become.

> WOLF OPPENHEIMER Ascona, Switzerland.

When I read of George Bush's idiotic postures about the word God in the Republican platform, I am reminded of a cynical children's rhyme that goes: "God's on my side / Just we two / And we turn / Our backs on you."

DENNIS R. WIER.

I have only one word in response to "Kindly Stop This Nonsense About Divine Partisanship" (Opinion, Aug. 28) by William Safire:

KATHY ZIEMER.

I am appalled by the derision heaped upon American working women by prominent Republicans, especially Marilyn Quayle and Barbara Bush.

Both men and women are marrying later, and single women must work to support themselves. For most married women, stagnant real wages coupled with the ever-increasing cost of living require that they work in order to maintain their families' standard of living. Women also head millions of single-parent families and are their children's primary or soli-tary source of income. Insulting characterizations of working women by the Republican candidates' wives make it clear that they are ignorant of the world in

which most Americans live.

CAROLINE LOVELACE.

The shifting poll results say not so much about the presidential candidates as about the voting (rather the polled) population. How fickle we Americans are! I, for one, would not answer a poll until Nov. 3, when it counts. Maybe then the candidates would deal with the issues and not what makes numbers move.

RAYMOND J. MACEK.

Competition in the Air

In response to the editorial "Good News in the Air" (July 25):

Air rights are a national asset, the use of which confers certain entitlements, obligations and responsibilities. The financial obligations of successfully operating as a scheduled carrier are immense, and the planning and investment necessary are significant.

American dog-eat-dog competition in commercial aviation may have created a limited gain for consumers, but even that is short-sighted. Wrecking the in-dustry is not in America's long-term interests, either consumer or business. The editorialist's call for greater foreign competition is misguided, because America's commercial aviation represents much more than a consumer product. The great airlines of the world - Lufthansa, Swissair. Cathay Pacific - provide both a good and varied service and reap a reasonable profit for doing so. They avoid an American-style free-for-all be-cause they know it bleeds, rather than bolsters, competitors.

WEBSTER O'BRIEN. Hong Kong.

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The U.S. Media Addiction May Be Beginning to Fade

By Richard Harwood

most of that time thinking or dreaming about sex. Adults have other, although not necessarily more interesting demands on their time.

Adjusting for vacations, weekends, holidays and illnesses, the average fulltime American worker in the course of a year puts in about 1,824 hours at the

job. Sleep, at 7.5 hours a night, accounts for 2,737 hours. The largest share of his time, however,

is claimed by the "media" — 3,256 hours a year, or about nine hours a day. This

MEANWHILE

estimate comes from Veronis, Suhler &

Associates, a reputable investment-banking house in New York, specializ-ing in the communications industry. This is a big business, America's ninth largest, ranking just below aerospace and just above electronic equipment

and its components.

The adult consumers of all this amusement and information last year spent \$108.8 billion on the "media" - about \$353 per person. Advertisers spent an additional \$80 billion to bring their products to consumers' attention. Americans' lives and economy are af-Americans lives and economy are at-fected in many ways. The "media" are a great engine in the consumer society. They provide the jobs for hundreds of thousands of technicians, writers, artists. performers, intellectuals, pseudo-intellecmals and the orally accomplished. They shape attitudes and beliefs and put pic-

tures of the world into people's heads. We can't quantify those influences or rank them in any order of importance. Does rap music or the editorial page of The New York Times have a greater impact on the minds of our youth? Which history of the assassination of John F. Kennedy is a greater popular "truth" — the Warren Commission re-port or the film "JFK"? Are "family values" more affected by speeches from George Bush and Dan Quayle or by TV sitcoms, soap operas, hillbilly music, Ann Landers and Oprah Winfrey?

James Carey, dean of the College of Communication at the University of Illi-

nois, ruminates on these questions in an essay published in the Kettering Review: "We have inherited ... a journalism of the expert and the conduit, a

journalism of information, fact, objectivity and publicity. It is a scientific conception of journalism: It assumes an audience to be informed, educated by the journalist and the expert-

... [But] today the most important parts of our culture are in the arts, in poetry, in political utopianism, in the humanities ... The metaphor that has governed our understanding of journalism in this century has ron into trouble. Neither journalism nor public

WASHINGTON — There are 8,760 hours in a 365-day year. Adolescents, according to the folklore, spend what journalism is: not the science or information of our culture but its poetry and conversation."

I am not sure I understand what he is saving. Not all of us can or necessarily ought to be minstrels, poets, troubadours or conversationalists. But it is obvious from the Veronis, Suhler data that he is right in one sense - newspapers, books and magazines are now marginal claimants on people's time and attention, occasional voices in the noise of the crowd. The marketplace is saving that other "me-

dia" occupy the large spaces in our lives. It is also obvious that the politicians this year - Bill Clinton and Al Gore, in particular - understand that there may be more effective ways than an hour on "Meet the Press" to get into the beads

and hearts of Americans.

Governor Clinton does a saxophone recital on a television talk show. Senator Gore evokes Elvis Presley in his accep-tance speech. The TV character Murphy Brown is the year's new political icon. The Walter Lippmanns and James Res-tons of journalism once commanded audiences with the great figures of public affairs, who now pander to CNN.

The Public Broadcasting Service, the

most "scientific" and information-driven medium in the television wasteland. struggles against MTV and "Entertain-ment Tonight" to maintain a 2 percent

share of the prime-time minutes.
Its blood cousin, National Public Radio, attracts only 10,000 of the 25 million teenagers tuned in at any time to the radio spectrum.

There is erosion in the audience for the evening news, as offered by the ma-jor networks. General Electric, owner of NBC, contemplates the sale of its money-losing news division to an independent syndicator. Newspapers remain profitable, but their audience share has declined steadily for three decades. The news magazines are reinventing themselves in fits and starts.

Our understanding of these changes is limited. The new media world was never planned; it came upon us largely through technological mutations and unforeseen opportunity. We don't know where it is headed, whether "journalism and public life will move forward" under its influence or will undergo greater trivialization.

The historical data from Veronis, Suhler contain a very faint suggestion that we Americans are entering a withdrawal phase in their addiction to the

We gave them 59 fewer hours of our time on earth last year than in 1986. This may reflect more discriminating standards of consumption.

On the other hand, it could be the cumulative result of these many years of sleep deprivation.

The Washington Post.

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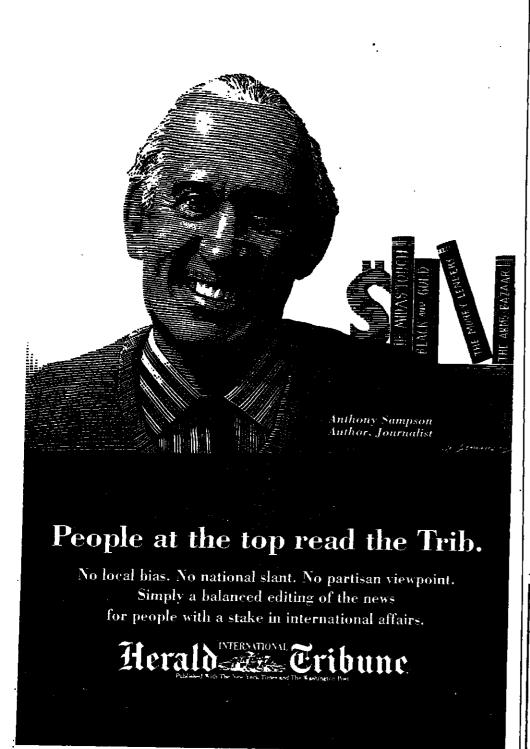
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The Leading Flotels of the World

Europe's Police Cast the Net Ever Wider

By Jeffrey Stalk Special to the Herald Tribune
THE HAGUE — When the police in Czechoslovakia arrested a man earlier this year who they be-lieved had murdered nine women in Bratislava, they wanted more evidence.

They discovered that the suspect had spent two weeks in the Netherlands and a month in Germany in 1990. In an atmosphere of post-Cold War cooperation, the Czechs asked their Dutch and German counterparts for help.

The Amsterdam police traced a watch confiscated from the man's mother to a 56-year-old woman who had been sexually assaulted and murdered in Amsterdam in

September 1990. German investigators linked the

ed to help keep the man behind bars, and Dutch and German investigators were able to close the

books on four unsolved murders. With the fall of the Iron Curtain, the long arm of the law has become everything from radios and police even longer, stretching into corners of Europe it could not reach before. East European police officers, who once viewed their Western counterparts with suspicion and

nistrust, have become allies of the West in the war on crime. Former Communist countries have turned to the United States and Western Europe for new

equipment and training. They, in turn, have been able to supply Western investigators with intelli-gence, especially in the areas of narcotics trafficking and local organized crime. "Everyone realizes that it is in the common interest of the East

and the West to fight together against crime," said Richard Weyenburg deputy has CPI the cotics bureau of the CRI, the Dutch office of Interpol. Mr. Weyenburg said that Hun-gary, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Czechoslovakia and countries from

the former Soviet Union were eager to work with Western police agen-Former East Bloc countries that

were not already members of Inter-pol have joined. While officials emphasize that

some joint investigations were possible under the old Communist governments, no one disputes the was unthinkable during the bleak

equipping police departments of former Iron Currain countries to reach the standards of their Western colleagues. Law enforcement agents in the Netherlands say that the East Europeans are in need of

cars to fax machines and comput-Many Western countries, including the United States, Britain and Germany, have established agreements and training programs with

former Soviet bloc countries. Britain and the former Soviet Union signed an agreement in 1983 to work together in fighting drug trafficking. It led to the first major East-West police operation — the "Perestroika Bust" — in 1989, in which British and Russian customs officers broke up a gang smuggling marijuana into Britain via Moscow. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Ad-

ministration has held at least three training seminars in Russia and one in the Baltic republics to teach the police there the skills and techniques necessary to mount major investigations.

Additionally, police officials from the European Community have formed a group to assess the equipment and training needs of the East and to design programs for modernizing the various police departments. They are working closely with representatives of the United Nations Drug Control Program

in Vienna

man with three unsolved killings in their country.

By sharing information, the Czechs got the evidence they need
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fact that cooperation between the two sides has never been better.

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drug problem that it can no longer Narcotics agents say that with the opening of borders in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Bloc countries have become important

links in the chain for drugs coming from the Far East and South America into Western Europe.

A U.S. drug agency official said that narcotics traffickers are using couriers to transport heroin from Southeast Asia into Europe, via air-

ports in Eastern Europe. "They use airports on the East side where they figure there is weak customs surveillance," the official said. The drugs are then smuggled overland into Western Europe.

"It is only a short step before a transit country becomes a user country." Mr. Weyenburg warned. "The Communist governments used to deny that there was a drug problem in Eastern Europe. Now these countries are admitting that they have one, and are asking for our assistance."

In return for training and equip-ment, East European police have been able to furnish the West with dossiers on local criminals who have taken advantage of new free-doms to expand their activities into Western Europe and the United

The Russian police have been particularly helpful in providing U.S. agents with information on ethnic Russian gangs involved in drug smuggling and racketeering in New York and Los Angeles.

Taiwan and Russia to Open Missions

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TAIPEI - Taiwan and Russia agreed to exchange permanent missions Tuesday despite expected protests from China.

Deputy Foreign Minister John Chang said details of the exchange were completed after President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia last week approved an agreement signed by Mr. Chang and an adviser to Mr. Yeltsin in Jone.

The adviser, Oleg I Lobov, who was a deputy prime minister of the former Soviet Union and is now chairman of Mr. Yeltsin's experts council, will head the Russian mission, to be called the Moscow-Taipei Economic and Cultural Coordination Commission, Mr. Chang said. Mr. Chang will head the Taipei mission.

Taiwan will open offices in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Vladivos-tok, and Russia will establish them in Taipei and Kaohsiung Mr. Chang said. The offices will be technically private since the coun-

tions, but they will issue visas and Taipei later this month to discuss the personnel will have diplomatic the details of the missions. They privileges, Mr. Chang said.

The agreement, a diplomatic vicembarrassing defeat last month. diplomatic recognition to Beijing.

Taipei and Beijing both claim to be the legitimate government of all China. The Nationalists fled to

Taiwan in 1949 after losing a civil war to the Communist forces in mainland China. Beijing regards Taiwan as a renegade province and refuses to maintain relations with other governments that recognize

Russia, which recognizes Beijing, has made it clear that it would not sell any jet fighters to Taiwan, Mr. Chang said. A decision by the United States last week to sell F-16 fighter jets to Taiwan has seriously strained U.S.-Chinese ties. Mr. Chang said Mr. Lobov

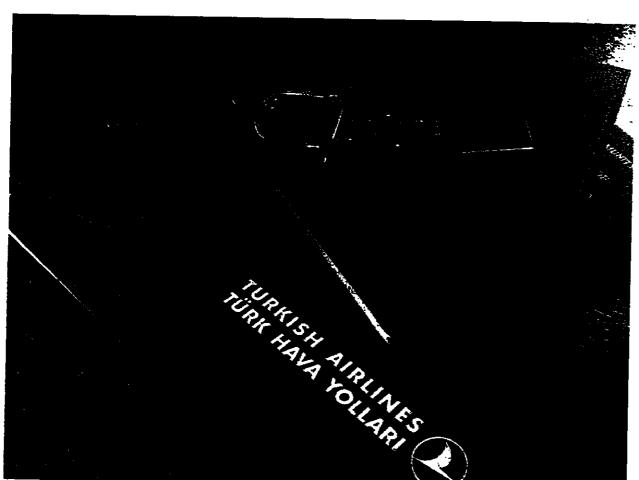
tries do not have diplomatic rela- would lead a trade delegation to will also discuss establishing air links and awarding contracts under tory for Taiwan, comes after an a plan by the Nationalist government to spend \$300 billion on inwhen South Korea, Taiwan's last frastructure projects in Taiwan, political ally in Asia, switched its Mr. Chang said Taiwan did not make any loan commitments to Russia but may consider doing so is

> Taiwan expects to establish similar relationships with Ukraine and Belarus, other republics of the former Soviet Union, Mr. Chang said. In February, Taiwan set up consular ties with Latvia, a level of official relations just below formal diplomatic recognition. (AP, Reuters)

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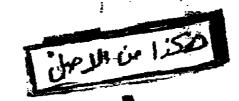
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Rejected Over AIDS in His Family, a Baptist Minister Confronts Pain of Prejudice

By Philip J. Hilts
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The Reverend Scott Allen was, in every particular, the ideal Baptist.

He was a minister with a lovely family, and he had dedicated his life to the church. His father and grandfather were ministers. His father, the Reverend Jimmie Allen, was president of the Southern Baptist Convention, with 17 million members, until 1979.

But now Mr. Allen's bond with his church, and with his whole past life, has been sundered.

Five times he and his family were discouraged from attending Baptist churches because his wife and two children were infected with HIV, the virus that causes

Mr. Allen, 36, does not have HIV. His wife became infected from a blood transfusion during a pregnancy in 1982, before blood was screened for the virus. Since then, she and her infant son, Bryan, have died from AIDS. The older son, Matthew, now 10, has survived. Both sons were infected in their mother's womb.

What Mr. Allen learned about intolerance since 1985, when he first found that his wife and children had HIV has wounded him and sent him outside the fold to look for solace. His anger has subsided only gradually, and flashes of it can still be seen in conversation.

"My case proves that you don't have to be gay to be kicked out," he said. "I used to see bumper stickers in Dallas that said, 'You're Welcome in Our Church.' Every time I saw one I got angry and felt like suing them for false advertising.

Eventually, he stopped trying to find a welcoming church, quit his ministry and began to work on projects for the Christian Life Commission, an educational body of the General Baptist Convention of Texas. In 1989 Congress appointed him to the National Commission on AIDS, which advises the federal government on AIDS

Until now, Mr. Allen kept quiet the details of his family's odyssey through the realms of prejudice, their struggle with AIDS and their rejection by the churches. His wife, Lydia, asked him not to speak openly about

their trouble while she was alive. She was 38 when she died of AIDS in February in Dallas.

One of his jobs with the Christian Life Commission from 1985 to 1990 was to find churches that would accept people with AIDS into their congregations. He sometimes succeeded, especially with adults and especially when those who were infected were willing to go into the church quietly.
But he said, "I have never found day care for my son,

not one center or church that that could accept him if other parents knew" of his infection.

A minister suggested that Matthew could come to Sunday school if his infection was kept secret and if Mr. Allen sat in the room, too, to take care of his son should anything happen.

Another munister suggested that Sunday school ses-sious could be taped so his son could see them without actually having to be with the other children Mr. Allen's story raises painful questions about religion and AIDS, and about the gap that can sometimes

Separate word and deed in religion. There is virtually no disagreement in principle among churches and synagogues in America. Most teach that church members should receive each other with unconditional love and caring — even if they are ill, and even if

they are unrepentant sinners.

A Washington clergyman, the Reverend Kenneth South of the Church of Christ, who is director of the AIDS National Interfaith Network, said it was impor-tant to recognize that outside government, the churches are society's greatest source of help to people with AIDS. He has a list of 1,800 separate AIDS relief and education

rograms run by churches around the country.
But the effort in the churches did get started slowly, he said, and it is still a person-by-person, day-by-day effort, coming almost entirely from individual ministers and their churches rather than from the moral guidance at the top of any religious denomination.

The Reverend Travis Berry, a former pastor who is now a professor at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, advises churches on how to handle situations in which someone infected with AIDS asks to join the church. At most, he said, 25 percent of the churches in the United States have began to deal with the issue of AIDS.

"That beats the heck out of the 1 percent or less of a few years ago," Mr. Berry said. "People at least realize there is a problem now, though I am still very concerned there is a problem now, though I am still very concerned blessing stnff? What is the meaning of innocence and all. Not a call, not a word." about the fact that churches still haven't belied up to the

bar, so to speak. They still are not out of denial."

The problem begins with the confusion over proper artitudes. The churches of most denominations condemn homosexual behavior. This sends a confusing message not only to gay people with AIDS, but also to church members confronting the issue, theologians from several denominations said.

Rejection is prompted by fear of the disease, fear of homosexuals and fear of drug users. Even when church members do begin to take care of those with AIDS, Mr. Allen said, often it is with the motive of "curing" them of

"In practice, the love and acceptance are not unconditional," he said. "There are strings attached." In 1985, when Mr. Allen learned that his wife and children had HIV, he was a minister at the First Christian Church in Colorado Springs. Though he himself was not infected, he said, he was asked by the pastor, the Reverend Warren Hile, to leave his ministry. Mr. Hile did not return telephone calls asking for

comment about the incident A few days after Mr. Hile and other church members sked him to step down, Mr. Allen said, he took his family and drove out of Colorado Springs in the middle

of the night, heading home to Texas. He was fearful and angry, he said, at both God and man.

"At first I blamed the gays in San Francisco, where the transfusion took place," Mr. Allen recalled. "That is completely illogical because transfusions take place everywhere, and there is nothing to say that the infected blood came from a gay man. But I felt that angry at first. I kept saying to myself: 'I'm innocent! I didn't do

For a year, he said, he could not bring himself to talk to his brother, who is a homosexual.

Mr. Allen said that on the day his wife became fected he had taught Sunday school class, went to the home of a sick child, preached a sermon, and taught class

again in the evening.
"My wife had a scizure in the evening on the way

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The shocks continued as friends stopped calling him. His second son, Bryan, died not long after the family returned to Texas. He was seven months old, Mr. Allen said he held Bryan as he died and placed the boy's body in a small coffin beside the hospital bed. He remembers vividly the next moment:

"Bryan's head was over to the side, and the funeral director reached out to straighten it in the casket. But he stopped and drew back. He said, Would you mind moving your son's head for me?" That stung." But at the same time he had a small epiphany, one that

egan to make his anger dissolve. "When Bryan died in my arms," he said, "I realized that it was the virus that died, not Brian." His anger at gay people began to fade, he said, adding, "I reshized then that I was dealing with a virus, not with people." For others, that realization has been difficult.

On returning to the Dallas area he asked the the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Arlington, the Reverend Charles Wade, to accept him and his wife into the church and their children into Sunday school.

Mr. Wade, who is a friend of the Allen family, said he would make discreet inquiries among some of the younger, more progressive parents to see how they felt. The parents refused to go along, he said, and told him they would pull their children out of school if Matthew came. Later, Mr. Wade raised money to help pay Mr. Allen's salary on the AIDS project at the Christian Life Commission. "We are proud of that," Mr. Wade said. "We did help him — just not as much as we should have."

At another church, the Travis Avenue Baptist Church

in the Fort Worth area where Mr. Allen and his family was living the pastor at the time was the Reverend Joel Gregory, who has since become known nationwide as the stor of the flagship of fundamentalist Baptist churches, the First Baptist Church in Dallas. President George Bush has consulted him, and went to that church last month, when the Republican convention was being

"Brother Joel knew of my situation, knew my family

When asked about the situation last week Mr. Gregory replied, "I don't remember it." He said all people were

welcome in his church. Several other times, Mr. Allen said, he sought to join churches and have his son openly attend Sunday school,

and several times he was rebuffed. But at one church, the Richardson East Church of Christ, the pastor, the Reverend Larry James, was disturbed enough by the situation that he quickly resolved to make new policy.

There was a lot of paranoia, of unnecessary, irrational fear," Mr. James said. "I asked myself, "What are we getting into here?' It's like a family secret that turns into iliness and paralysis for the whole family. I mean, here we have a group of people who claim to be Christians, a person who has always followed Christ comes and is

rejected — that's news," he said. Mr. James quickly educated himself and his congrega-tion on the issues of AIDS, bringing in doctors and others to talk about the disease.

He notified all parents that the day care center would be considered an "HIV positive zone" where children attending may or may not be infected with the virus Everyone would be treated the same, he said.

Mr. Allen has left the organized church, at least for now, and is searching for a spiritual path that is more open and accepting at its base. "I was taught that once you were saved, you were always saved," he said. "Once you gave your life to Jesus,

your life would be blessed. All that was important to me in life was God and my church and my family. My family was taken from me, my church turned its back on me, and I felt as if God did, too.

"Then people said to me that I must have never been saved in the first place, or I am just wandering in the wilderness, and will return to the fold," he continued. That discredits who I am now, and the journey I am on. have forever lost who I am."

Mr. Allen said he now sometimes feels closer to people whom he formerly condemned than to people he linked

ia to Open Miss Japanese Cabinet Denies Taking Bribes

TOKYO - Most of the Japanese cabinet went on record Treeday to deny having accepted political funds from the Sagawa Kyubin trucking firm, which is at the center of a damaging corruption scandal.

One after the other, 17 cabinet ministers stood up before an upper house legal committee to deny links to the firm, which is suspected of paying cash to help it expand its business in a strictly regulated sec-

The only three ministers who did not testify before the committee were out of the country.

Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, who has already denied involvement in the Sagawa affair, did not attend the session. His absence, however, is not regarded as

The scandal already has claimed

maru, Japan's most powerful political, who stepped down late last inet — Transport Minister Keiwa er took political donations from the month as vice president of the rul
Okuda and Foreign Minister Mitician, who stepped down late last month as vice president of the rul-ing Liberal Democratic Party. Mr. Kanemaru admitted that he had accepted 500 million yen (\$4 million) from the firm.

In a new allegation on Tuesday, the Sankei Shimbun newspaper reported that Hirosasu Watanabe, the president of the trucking company had told prosecutors that he gave 500 million yen to Mr. Kanemaru not only in 1989 as he previously confessed, but also the following year, in 1990.

His departure was followed by the resignation of Kiyoshi Kaneko as governor of Niigata prefecture in the north following reports that he took 300 million yen in Sagawa

Newspapers have linked three

a prominent victim, Shin Kane- former prime ministers as well as pened in the past," Mr. Watanabe chio Watanabe — to the affair.

Mr. Okuda, who has repeatedly denied involvement, told the committee that he was acquainted with some Sagawa executives but denied that they had given him any cash

He said he had filed libel suits against a newspaper that reported that he had taken Sagawa money. "I expect the authorities will clear up the matter," he added.

Mr. Watanabe said he had met Sagawa's top executives on several occasions and that his aides may have sold Sagawa some tickets to his political fund-raising parties.

"I am not sure whether my office sold party tickets to Sagawa, be-ment and party posts in a show of cause it was something that hap remorse.

"What Price Glory," with James

Cagney; "Daddy Long Legs," which starred Fred Astaire; "The

Jackpot," with James Stewart; and "Captain Newman, M.D.," for

which they were nominated for an

After his wife's death, he wrote a

"as much a love story as a memoir."

Senator Quentin Burdick,

North Dakota Democrat

Several former senior Sagawa executives have been charged or are being investigated for extending shady loans and loan guarantees worth hundreds of billions of yea to dozens of smaller compar some with alleged ties to organized

Some of the money was sinhoned off and delivered to politicians in the form of political donations, although few bothered to declare the

Under Japan's Political Funds lotion's main components -Control Law, politicians must remixture of zinc oxide and ferric port donations of over 1 million oxide — are useless for relieving pain and itching.
"What about all those years yen. Although offenders risk only a token 300,000 year fine, they are expected to resign from governthat we perpetuated the big lie of childhood with our own kids," the newspaper lamented, "smear-ing calamine all over them when they came home with a rash from

powder.

An FDA spokeswoman said flatly, "It's never been shown to be effective." But at least one manufacturer is carrying on, baying added an unspecified ingredient with analgesic properties. But the FDA predicted that calamine lotion will eventually become the dinosaur of dermatology.

Short Takes

ed their children's rashes and Americans are drinking stronger coffee after generations of tion. Its color matched your skin swallowing weak and watery brews that Florence Fabricant of a pink plaster flamingo, and it dried into an unattractive chalky The New York Times calls "90cups-to-the-pound weaklings." Now, the Los Angeles Times reports, the U.S. Food and Drug The European tradition of espresso bars is taking hold in the United States. Specialty coffees Administration has ruled that the - dark-roasted for strength and more expensive than supermarket brands - now account for 20 percent of all coffee sold for

What if they gave an election and nobody voted? It happened in Dutton, Alabama, population 300. Not only that, nobody even ran. The deadline for filing nomi-

home use and are expected to

reach 50 percent in 10 to 15 years.

the Met Life Building, at least not nations for mayor and the fivemember town council came and officially, since the insurance firm already has its headquarters went without any applicants: the Aug. 25 election day also passed in the Met Life Tower farther unnoticed. Alabama law provides downtown. A spokesman said, "I think New Yorkers will ultimatea remedy: in the absence of candidates, the governor appoints new officeholders, and there have ly make up their own minds as to what they call the building." been plenty of applicants since Over protests and a lawsuit, the town's collective absent-Glassboro State College in New mindedness attracted media at-

Jersey has renamed itself Rowan tention from all over the country. College as a tribute to Henry Rowan, 68, an industrialist, and A year after Pan American World Airways went into bankhis wife, Betty. In July Mr. Row-an announced a \$100 million gift ruptcy and moved to Florida, its to the college, the largest ever namesake tower on Park Avenue given to an American public colis getting a new logo. "Couldn't they just leave the sign up and lege or university and second only to the \$105 million given 13 take the building down?" asked years ago to Emory University, a private institution in Atlanta. Robert A.M. Stern, an architect. He and many other New Yorkers have long objected that the Pan Am tower, erected in 1963, blocks the vistes up and down Park Avenne. The 15-foot (4.5-meter) letters near the top that spell out "Pan Am" will give way to an

Life." The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. has owned the 58-

story building since 1981. The

skyscraper is not being renamed

Candlestick Park, home -- at least for now - of baseball's San Francisco Giants, is notorious for wind, fog and frigidity, even in midsummer. Rich Donnelly, a coach of the Pittsburgh Pirates, says, "It's like playing a game on equally large sign that says "Met an aircraft carrier in the North

Adantic."

Arthur Highee

BRAZIL AWAITS — President Fernando Collor de Mello and his wife, Rosane, attending a military parade marking Independence Day. Calls for Mr. Collor's resignation in connection with a corruption scheme continued to strengthen.

Uzbek President Warns

Of Central Asian Strife

nurbure seeds of national strife and political and civil confrontation," he said,

Mr. Karimov, like Mr. Nahiyeva a population, concentrated in the population concentrated in the north, are Uzbeks while many Taluctant to embrace radical change,

MOSCOW -The Uzbek leader, Islam A. Karimov, warned Tres-day that former Soviet Central Asia

could erupt in violence after the fall

of President Rakhman Nabiyev of Tajikistan, and he urged the United

Nations to help, the Itar-Tass news

Mr. Karimov, whose own posi-

tion would be threatened by a

spread of unrest from Tajikistan,

said he was alarmed by the heavy flow of arms into Tajikistan from

"Central Asia must not be al-

lowed to become a new seat of tension and a target of geopolitical mulicipality. Mr. Karimov said in an

appeal to the United Nations secre-

tary-general, Butros Butros Ghali.

"External forces wish to sow and

agency reported.

urged the United Nations to send a

commission to the region.

He said the Central Asia region

could turn into another Nagorno-Karabakh — a reference to the con-

flict in Transcancasia. But, he add-

ed, the scale of the conflict would

Mr. Nabiyev resigned Monday

under heavy pressure from opposi-

tion activists who last week

stormed and occupied his presiden-

tial residence. The chairman of par-

liament took over as nominal lead-

er while the country's future is

The resignation occurred after a

four-month struggle against oppo-nents who Mr. Nabiyev insisted

were controlled by Islamic funda-

The opposition, a broad from held together so far by its opposi-

mentalist forces in Afghamstan.

Henry Ephron Is Dead,

Henry Ephron, 81, whose work eral Democrat from North Dakota,

as a playwright, screenwriter and producer spanned three decades, died of heart failure Tuesday. The North Dakota Democrat died Sunday at the Motion Picture Hospital in Los Angeles. His committee and head of the subdaughter, the writer Nora Ephron, said that he died of natural causes. Mr. Ephron's films, written in

tandem with his wife, Phoebe, who One of these efforts was especialdied in 1971, were from the Hollyly criticized — a \$500,000 federal grant he obtained in late 1990 to wood era of feel-good scripts and glamorous stars. help build a German-Russ The Fohrons were hest known seam in Strasburg, North Dakota, the birthplace of the bandleader for "The Desk Set," which starred Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. Their other films included

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Harold Curtis Fleming, 70, **Southern Rights Activist**

New York Times Service Harold Curtis Fleming, 70, a white Southerner who became an early leader in the struggle for racial justice in a "new South," died after a brief illness Friday in Wash-

memoir, "We Thought We Could Do Anything," published in 1973, about their life together in Holly-wood. Mel Gussow, writing in The New York Times, called the book As executive director of the Southern Regional Council, an organization formed in 1944 to promote equal opportunity for South-erners, Mr. Fleming joined the civil-rights cause well before it be-FARGO, North Dakota (AP) -

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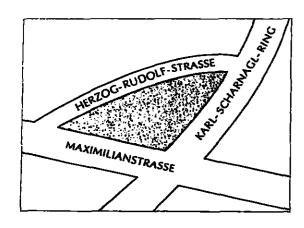
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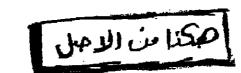
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Arrests in Jordan Linked to Stockpiling of Arms

New York Times Service BEIRUT - The arrest in Jordan of a number of Muslim fundamentalists, including two members of parliament, has provided indications that the militants have been stockpiling weapons for a campaign to thwart a possible agreement by the Palestine Liberation Organization for self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to diplomats and reports published here.

Jordan's state security court on Saturday

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Laith Shbeilat, with possessing and transporting firearms, Jordanian security officials for several weeks after they were caught that investigators had found evidence linking the arrested fundamentalists to Iran and to Monday.

The group said in a letter published Monday in the Lebanese daily Al Hayat that the varieties of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberature of parliament, and the hard-l asserted.

Al Hayat said concern was deepening in Amman about war breaking out between compromise at the peace talks.

Dome of the Rock to Regain Its Original Brilliance

By Clyde Haberman

New York Times Service JERUSALEM - Jerusalem's most distinctive landmark, the gold-colored Dome of the Rock, is undergoing an expensive facelift, and, as with most things in this city, the work involves religion, politics, and an occasional

The problem with the 1,300-year-old shrine is that, for all its splendor, it leaks — and rather badly at that, says Issam Awad, an architect in charge of the renovation project for the Waqf, the committee responsible for Islam-

ic holy places here.
"Rain is the chief enemy of any historical building." said Mr. Awad, who complains that the last major restora-tion, three decades ago, did nothing to keep the water out. "It destroys everything — the marble, the mosaics, the

This time, in the process of being made watertight, the Dome will also get a crown of true gold for the first time in more than a millennium. It was golden on its completion in 691 under the Umayyad caliph, Abd al-Malik. But that did not last long, and across most of the years it was made of lead. What now seems from a distance to be gold is merely the color of the anodized aluminum sheets that were laid across the top of the shrine as part of ineffectual

repairs made in the early 1960s.

The aluminum was a mistake, Mr. Awad says. He now favors a brass dome, composed of 90 percent copper and 10 percent zinc. That should keep out the rain, he says. But once the new dome is finished, probably next year, it will be coated with an ultrathin layer of 24-karat gold — only 2 microns, or 8 one hundred-thousandths of an inch, thick — requiring roughly 200 pounds (90 kilograms) of gold leaf valued at more than \$1 million.

introduced, Mr. Awad insisted. Rather, he said, it is an unavoidable concession to an age of mass tourism, video cameras and picture postcards.

"The problem with the copper is that oxidization will turn it a dull brown, and that is not desirable," he said. "The idea that this is a golden dome has been imprinted in people's minds since the 1960s, not just here but around the world. This color is what gives it its sense of domi-

"Sometimes," he added, "when you are attempting an act of conservation, you have to keep in mind that you're

The \$10 million renovation involves religion, politics and a dispute between royal families over financing.

conserving things for the people and not for yourself." For most visitors to Jerusalem, regardless of faith, the Dome is an inspiring whirl of intricate tiles, color and geometry, and it is perhaps the city's most instantly recognizable monument. It dominates the elevated Haram al Sharif, the Noble Sanctuary in Arabic and one of Islam's holiest places, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, the site of the destroyed First and Second Tem-

Muslims believe that Mohammed ascended to Heaven from the rock under the Dome. Many centuries earlier, on

It is not for luxury's sake that real gold is being sacrifice his son: Ishmael, according to Islamic belief;

Isaac, in the Jewish and Christian tradition. The basic octagonal structure has not changed over the centuries, says Professor Youssef Naishe, director of ar-

chaeology for the Waqf.
"This is rare for Muslim sites," he said, "because each leader usually liked to add his own elements." That sort of proprietary attitude has not fully disap-peared. Witness a dispute a few months ago between King Hussem of Jordan and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia over

who would underwrite the Dome restoration, estimated at up to \$10 million. Fahd offered to pay, but Hussem said no thanks, reminding the Saudi leader that Jordan, while economically hard-pressed, remains the custodian of Muslim shrines

in Jerusalem even though Israel has had control of the entire city since the 1967 Middle East war. There was no small element of politics in this, given tensions between the two royal houses that, although they

recently eased after Hussein underwent cancer surgery. have been high since the leaders took opposite sides in the Gulf crisis.

Ultimately, Jordan prevailed, to the relief of most Palestinians, who sided with Iraq in the Gulf War and who generally hold Fahd in low esteem. Money was an issue, however, and Hussem is reported by the Jordanian press to have sold a country house in England to raise more than \$8 million for the project.

Politics and religion can collide alongside the Dome as well, as they did disastrously in October 1990, when Israels police officers clashed with Palestinian protesters, a battle that ended with at least 17 Palestinans being shot to death. Pockmarks from police bullets remain on several that exact spot, Abraham is said to have prepared to marble outer tiles that ring the shrine,

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Wolfgang Schöne and Peter Matic in "Das Schloss," Aribert Reimann's opera based on Kafka's novel.

Shared Darkness for 'The Castle'

By James Helme Sutcliffe

ERLIN - Aribert Reimann's sixth opera, "Das Schloss," premiered here by the Deutsche Oper, seems a logical step for the composer. The darkness of his previous works expresses a pessimism about the world not unlike that of Franz Kafka

The premiere of "The Castle" was enthusiastically received by critics and public alike, though there were complaints about its length: The nine scenes last three and a half hours.

Derived from Kafka's posthumously published novel (1926) and the play that Kafka's devoted editor Max Brod made out of it, Rei-mann reduced the available material (there were two other versions of the novel) by two thirds to create his libretto.

Kafka's unhappy life, cut short by consumption, was reflected in his dark works. Reimann — who lost a brother to the World War II bombings in Berlin — shares much of this pessimism as evidenced by the darkness that pervades such other operas as "Lear" or "The Trojan Women."

Kafka's protagonist — the autobiographical "K" who ghosts through many of his works arrives in a winter mantled town with a letter from a Castle official purporting to install him as a state-employed surveyor. But he never gains

admission to the Castle to have his appointment verified, the authenticity of the letter is called into question by one semi-official after another and the townspeople make it clear that he is unwelcome in their midst. They have learned to live with the anonymous, all-pervading threat that the Castle represents. K can never adjust to such disappointments and humiliations.

Reimann's "Lear" music was murderously

brutal to fit the subject, so much so that shocked audiences in Munich, Düsseldorf and San Francisco departed in mid-performance with much slamming of doors. The Trojan Women," though about the horrors of war, found a different kind of melos to characterize flighty Helen, mourning Andromache, pro-phetic Cassandra and stoic Hecuba. "The Castle" has 15 solo roles, and although K is present in every scene to interact with them, I found their musical characterization more anonymous, with the exception of the Schoolteacher (Peter Maus) who offers K a job as janitor but only a classroom to live in, given supercilious self-satisfied coloratura in which to propose this nonsolution to K's impasse.

Though the formal structure of the new opera could not of course come across on one hearing (here the conductor, Michael Boder, could have achieved more clarity and drive out of the excellent Deutsche Oper Orchestra), all of Reimann's

stylistic iingerprints within his own adaptation of the 12-tone technique were present.

If the result sometimes proved as tedious as K's request, it was certainly not due to the superb production by Willy Decker in the bas-tion-like black and white central set on a turntable by Wolfgang Gussmann, or to the first-rate cast: Wolfgang Schöne as K, the magnificent Isolde Eichlepp as the Hostess, Adrianne Pieczonka as Frieda, Warren Mok as Barnabas and Bengt-Ola Morgny and Raif Lu-kas as the only comic relief, the apprentices Artur and Jeremias.

HE work did not jell until the final scene when K finally wakes up an official who can give him positive advice. Ironically this was the only scene in which every word of Kafka's text could be understood because the role, Undersecretary Bilingel, was spoken by the marvelous actor Peter Matic against a thick carpet of undulating string sounds. The opera gained immensely in intensity from there to the typical Reimann suspended ending.

"Das Schloss" enters the permanent reper-toire of the Dentsche Oper. The next perfor-mances are Sunday and Oct. 4.

James Helme Sutcliffe is a Berlin-based critic

THE BRITISH THEATER

When the Irish Take Over London

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON - At an immense rich time for Irish drama in the London theater, (two plays by Brian Friel at neighboring theaters, another by Frank McGuinness and no less than four on the way by Billy Roche), we should perhaps qualify what we mean by Irish dra-

None of these seven is remotely about Troubles present or past, nor indeed Northern Ireland today. The McGuinness ("Someone Who'll Watch Over Me," at the Vandeville) is set among hostages in the Middle East. The two Friels ("Dancing at Lughnasa" at the Garrick and "Philadelphia Here I Come" at Wyndhams) are nostalgia pieces from the '30s and '50s, and Billy Roche's new "Amphibians" (at the Barbican Pit) is set, like his "Wexford Trilogy" which im-minently returns to the Bush, in the small Irish town where life would seem to be not so much standing

still as disintegrating on all fronts.
The setting here is St. Martin's
Eve, the one day of the year in which no fishing is allowed and the small harbor community is there-fore thrown back in on itself at a time of devastating social change. Eagle (Bill McElhinney) is the last self-employed fisherman around, but as the herring depart he, too, is forced into a neighboring factory, there to abandon the last of his independence. All the more important, therefore, to initiate his son into a rite of passage achieved by spending the night alone on a near-

But there's no lyrical Chekhovi-an nostalgia here: Roche's Wexford can be bloody and violent place, where the passage of history is mapped out in human despair. At times veering from an Irish

"Our Town" to a songless "Carou-sel," "Amphibians" tells the story of a community in decline, where mismatched marriages, mysterious deaths and economic rage merge into a pattern of regret and recrimination skillfully drawn together in Michael Attenborough's first RSC

Back in 1964, no West End musical opened with greater expecta-tions than "Maggie May." Its score front" paved the way toward such was by Lionel Bart, then still at the later working class singalongs as height of his "Oliver!" success; the Willy Russell's "Blood Brothers." book was by the hottest of young book was by the hottest of young But where that score teems with television dramatists, Alun Owen; life, this one offers only a touristand its stars were the brightest of the Royal Court, Rachel Roberts allowing the two central characters cutting, trimming and doubling of



Sean Murray in a scene from Billy Roche's new "Amphibians."

far from a disaster, surviving a year at the Adelphi, but it wasn't a hit either, and the first revival in 30 years (by the National Youth Theatre at the Royalty) gives some idea

A young cast under Edward Wilson and the choreographer David Toguri give the show plenty of en-

of what went wrong. Essentially, it was the book: for a Essentially, it was the book: for a Coming to the Lyric Hammer-score running almost three hours, smith after its Edinburgh Festival the story of one Liverpool dockside dispute over whether to ship guns to South Africa is barely enough.
There's a sense of exhaustion here, as though Bart had already given most of his best (a year later, his career was to crash with the catathe fate of its central players.

It could be argued that this Mer-seyside musical "On the Watercoach view of the dockside, while

A young cast under Edward Wil-

opening as part of the Harley Granville-Barker season there, Peter James's acclaimed revival of "The Madras House" proves to be a rather lacklustre affair, in no way comparable to the all-star staging with Paul Scofield at the National strophic "Twang") and Owen's in 1977. At that time, it had had no characterization is too sketchy to major London production since involve spectators for very long in 1925, not the least because a play running over three hours in which the main character has only two scenes, in which there is no defin-able plot, and in which there are 25 characters eight of whom do not appear after the first scene, was

But James has done considerable

never one to endear itself to com-

mercial managements.

dian daughters' independence in a typically middle-class London home; Act Two is about another kind of female imprisonment, on the shop floor of the family clothing business; by Act Three the debate on feminism and emancipation has moved to the headquarters of the Madras House itself, a fashion emporium, and by Act Four we are back to the family home, for an extraordinary final duologue on the nature and prospects of a modem democracy.

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It remains a bizarre and unwieldy evening, perhaps best sum-marized by the social despair of "Male and Female created He them - and left us to do the rest." James and a strong cast (Roger Allam, Frances Cuka, Helen Ryan) are unable to make the case for Granville-Barker as any but the most academic and undramatic of

Paris Underworld Is a Hit in Venice 🗝

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss
International Herald Tribane

"L.627," a stark, Zolaesque glimpse of the criminal underworld, is already a sensational success with its powerful realism and ripe for honors at Venice's 49th Film Festival.

It tells the tale of a police inspector, poorly paid but dedicated who is assigned to the newly created drug enforcement department to hunt down pushers, raid Metro stations, waylay suspect trucks and conduct interrogations. Meanwhile, his wife has become a drug addict and his companion is a junkie prostitute. Didier Bezace is magnificent as the depressed policeman with sardonic manner. When asked what he does he replies, "I'm enjoying myself to death."

been especially high.

From Britam's daring director Sally Potter comes "Orlando," a film based on Virginia Woolf's fantastic novel. Its hero-heroine is a nobleman of Queen Elizabeth I's count who lives to be 400 without growing old. When he — in 1700 — is serving as an ambassador in an Eastern land, he is changed into a woman and only dies in 1928. In the movie, he-she is still frisky in

1992 and is last seen riding a motorcycle. Tilda Swinton undertakes the role with commendable grace. The supporting actors give her sound accompaniment. Charlotte Valandrey is a suitry Russian lady who falls in love with Orlando (then a man, circa 1610) and Billy Zane is an American idealist who is granted her favors in 1850. Quentin Crisp plays Elizabeth I. There is a splendid spectacle in the celebrations on the frozen Thames in 1605 and a clever pastiche of the London literary notables in the 18th century when Orlando at a soirée meets Swift and other male chauvinists.

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wounded in a brawl by the mayor, Wang. She demands that he be punished, but the lower court settles by paying the doctor's bill. Dissat-isfied, Qin Ju takes the case to a higher court and wins her appeal. The mayor offers an apology. However, when her husband's wound requires additional treatment, she is again in the courts, demanding justice.

Several films of special interest are in the Venetian Nights program. Neil Jordan's "The

L.627 is a stark, The quality of many of this year's entries has Zolaesque glimpse of a criminal world.

> Crying Game" follows the adventure of an IRA Crying Game" follows the adventure of an IRA member ordered to execute a black British soldier who had been kidnapped and held as hostage. The young Irishman has become friendly with his prisoner. In attempting escape, the hostage is killed by a passing truck and the man who was to kill him goes to London to hide out. There he meets the mistress of the hostage and becomes factuated An odd tale but one wall perfected. fascinated. An odd tale, but one well performed

and excellently directed.

From Russia comes Ivan Dychovicnyj's "Moscow Parade," a sort of musical comedy set in 1939 after Stalin had signed a treaty with Hitler. Its heroine is a high-born lady who married a secont covice officer for representation and a ried a secret service officer for protection and a life of hunry but who turns into a music hall artiste. This combination of drab oppression and light results are in a harden light popular music is a shocker.

Zhang Yimou's Chinese entry, "The Story of Qin Ju," is a curious satirical comedy. Qin Ju lives in a remote village in northern China. She is content with her life and about to have her ries one of her admirers and then turns to another who deserts her. The silken subtly to which Sautet has treated this romance is akin to Schnitzler's "Intermezzo," which observed musical temperaments. There is a lovely portrait of the siren violinist by Emmanuelle Béart and exemplary acting by Daniel Auteuil and André Dussollier as the rivals.

> Otar Ioseliani's "La Chasse aux Papillons" ("Butterfly Chase") is a surprise, popping up like a joker from a pack of cards. Grave reviewers may accuse it of being "self-indulgent" but it ripples with mischievous fun, going its bizarre way to set the house aroar.

Two elderly ladies, perhaps members of the Russian aristocracy, live in a French château, spacious but crumbling and filled with priceless paintings and furniture. They have not withdrawn to their eastle, but are on friendly terms with their neighbors and the village folk, but it does not protect them from thieves and antique dealers. When a Japanese real estate agent comes to buy their home, they inform him that they intend to live another 50 years. The agent they mend to live another DU years. The agent leaves, remarking that he will wait that long. In contrast to the films above, a singularly poor one has slipped in. This is Luis Puenzo's version of Albert Canna' novel, "La Peste." Everything about it is lamentable: its acting, its dialogue, its direction.

The awards ceremony will be held in the Doges Palace, officials said Tuesday after the government banned it from St. Mark's Square. government canned it from St. Mark's Square. Festival organizers had hoped to present the Golden Lion for best picture and close the 12-day festival this weekend in the lagoon city's

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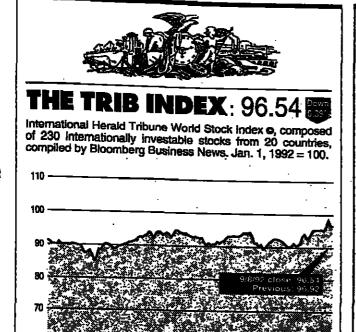
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MEDIA MARKETS

In the Hurricane's Wake, 'Good Taste' Advertising

By Stuart Elliott New York Times Service

EW YORK — There is one casualty of last month's hurricane that few would mourn: the warmly emotional advertising by insurance companies, utilities, banks and local businesses that usually follows natural disasters is nowhere to be found. That means, at least for now, that the survivors of America's costliest natural disaster have been spared the usual spectacle of television commercials and print advertisements featuring weary yet smiling claims adjusters, cashiers, tellers and telephone and power-line repairers nobly performing their duties despite overwhelming odds.

In 1989, for instance, almost immediately after the earthquake that rocked San Francisco and

ran self-promotional spots congratulating themselves for for celebratory quickly settling claims.

The difference this time is that the ferocity of the hurricane des-

ignated Andrew and the lagging pace of the economic recovery have convinced marketers that now is not the time for celebratory soft-selling. "Good taste" is a primary consideration, said Kathleen Hogan, a spokeswoman for Alistate Insurance Co. in Northbrook, Illinois.

"Nobody realized that first day how bad it was," said Ms. Hogan. "It's going to take a long time to rebuild."

So while storm-related advertising has flooded the Florida market, warm-and-fuzzy has been notably absent, replaced by matter-of-fact. The tone has been almost entirely straightforward, focusing on musand-bolts information that people need to get on with their lives.

Barnett Banks Inc., Florida's largest bank, rushed into print with fact-filled full- and half-page newspaper ads, created by the Martin Agency in Richmond, Virginia. The ads, with headlines like "Barnett Hurricane Information Update," listed the locations of emergency check-cashing locations and which of Barnett's branches were open.

"All of us are beginning the hard business of restoring our

"All of us are beginning the hard business of restoring our property and our lives," read one ad, delivered to newspapers by AD/SAT Inc., an electronic ad makeup and transmission service

AD/SAT Inc., an electronic ad makeup and transmission service that was used because the Miami airport was closed.

All this is not to say that there will be no emotional advertising eventually. Indeed, Alistate, Barnett and other companies had their camera crews record employees working with customers for future

TWA to Drop Service To 12 Cities, Cut Staff

NEW YORK — Trans World Airlines on Tresday unveiled a reamlined winter schedule that suspends service to four international and eight U.S. cities, cuts jobs sharply and makes other cost cuts, TWA, which has been flying under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protec-tion from creditors since January, said the new operating plan would provide the basis for the reorganization program that it intends to

submit to bankruptcy court.

A source close to TWA said the carrier will likely cut as many as 2,800, or 10 percent, of its 28,700 employees. A TWA spokesman, Don Fleming, would not specify the number of job cuts.

The plan also includes a cut in fixed costs and consolidation of facilities. By substituting narrow-body planes for wide-bodies, TWA will reduce the number of seat miles available on many of its U.S. routes. "The reduction in available seat miles is more significant

than the reduction in actual flights," Mr. Fleming said.

TWA will stop serving Istanbul, Moscow, Copenhagen and Stockholm. It will also halt flights to Austin, Texas; Palm Springs, California; Ontario, California; Sioux City, Iowa; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Syracuse, New York; Tucson, Arizona, and Salt Lake City, Utah, TWA said it reduced the mumber of cities it serves because of

Utah, TWA said it reduced the number of cates at serves occause or "waning revenue owing to the weak economy."

Separately, Duff & Phelps Credit Rating Co. lowered the debt ratings of the three largest U.S. arifines because of continuing financial difficulties in the industry. The senior debt rating of AMR Corp., parent of American Airlines, was lowered to BBB-minus from BBB. Senior debt of United Airlines and Delta Air Lines was cut to BB-plus, Senior debt of United Airlines and Delta Air Lines was cut to BB-plus, Senior debt of United Senior BBB. or below investment grade, from BBB. (Bloomberg, AP, Reuters)

Bonn Minister Targets Asylum Aid

Compiled by Our Staff Front Dispatches BONN - With Chancellor Helmut Kohl in

nolitical trouble because of economic woes and renophobic violence in Eastern Germany, his finance minister on Tuesday suggested a new strategy to improve life in the region.

Theo Waigel, the minister, said a "starting point" would be to limit social assistance for immigrants seeking asylum, while local governments should do more belt-tightening to free up investment funds for the East, and workers in the wealthy West should forgo pay raises for up

to three years.
In addition to the massive financing problems posed by reunification, the country has been strained by the influx of more than 280,000 asylum-seekers so far this year, a re-cord. The flood of refugees, who are entitled to free food, clothing and shelter, has been blamed for fueling xenophobia and horrific nightly at-tacks against foreigners in Eastern Germany.

Mr. Waigel also presented a draft budget for 1993 that projected government spending growth of 2.5 percent to 435.7 billion Deutsche marks (\$310 billion).

He proposed cutting corporate taxes, including lowering the rate on retained earnings to 44 percent from 50 percent, cutting the corporate tax on distributed earnings to 30 percent from 36 percent and lowering the rate of reduced corporate tax to 41 percent from 46 percent.

But, in a move to appease the opposition Social Democrats, he did not cut the top income tax rate. This means that the top rate will remain at 53 percent for Germans who do not

The budget, which will be debated by parliament for three days, forecast a federal deficit of 38 billion DM in 1993, compared with a projected 40 billion DM this year. Mr. Waigel aims to slash the deficit to 22 billion DM by 1994. Mr. Waigel said his goal was to reduce the total public sector deficit to between 2 and 2.5

4.3 percent in 1991. "As a result, we will certainly be able to maintain the budgetary discipline defined in the Maastricht treaty as a precondition for entry into European monetary union," he said, referring to European Community plans to create a circle entropy by 1999.

percent of gross national product by 1996 from

ate a single currency by 1999. Social Democratic finance policy spokesman Joachim Poss welcomed the decision not to propose income tax cuts

At the same time, however, the opposition repeated long-time accusations that Mr. Kohl's government was failing miserably in helping people in Eastern Germany despite going into debt and raising taxes. Social Democratic finance spokeswoman Ingrid Matthäus-Maier said the government's figures bore no relation to the grim reality of mass unemployment and industrial collapse in East

"You are today presenting a budget which was waste paper even before it was debated," she said. "This is an insult to parliament and the public."

Economists have also criticized the government for its failure to present detailed plans to pay off a mountain of East German debt. About 350 billion DM starts maturing in 1995. Mr. Waigel dealt with it only in general

terms, saying one possibility would be a special fund to repay the debt.

Major political parties in Bonn denied Tuesday the recent spate of rumors about a possible new coalition linking Mr. Kohl's conservative Christian Democrats with the Social Demo-

crats in a new government. Speaking after Mr. Kohl dismissed reports of a possible pact on Monday, the three parties in his government as well as the Social Democrats

responded to the speculation. For God's sake, the fact is that this coalition and no other was elected on Dec. 2, 1990." Friedrich Bohl, Mr. Kohl's chancellery minis-

ter, declared in a radio interview.

(AP, Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

Russia Sets More Aid For Ruble

MOSCOW - Russia will support the ruble and restrict import subsidies to keep its economic program

afloat, Deputy Prime Minister Alex-ander Shokhin said Tuesday.

The currency had been falling for two months, but in a semiweekly auction Tuesday, it edged up against the dollar. On the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange, the dollar fell to 207.9 rubles from 210.5 at the time the ruble rose was July 9, when the dollar fell to 130.3 from 130.5.

On the political front, the government, which staved off a no-confidence vote in the spring by threatening to quit, plans to attack conservative foca led by Ruslan I Khasbulatov, the legislature chairman. Russia's economic reform pro-

gram, launched at the start of the year by President Boris N. Yeltsin's government, has sent prices up while discouraging industrial output. Some observers say the reforms

are being watered down under pressure from state-owned industry. Mr. Shokhin criticized the cen-Viktor Gerashchenko, for not do-ing enough to support the ruble.

The government intends to use waste of money, as Mr. Gerash-chenko has said. It is aimed at prooting imports."

Mr. Shokhin said imports were

becoming expensive and the gov-ernment intended to keep subsidizing only those that were vital, mostly food, medicine, and spare parts. Jean Foglizzo, an International Monetary Fund spokesman in Mos-cow, said regular central bank intervention was not "useful" and could not "bring long-lasting results."

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China on Marx: Capitalist

BEIJING — In Communist China's continuing attempt to solve the ideological contradictions inherent in its effort to develop stock

markets, Karl Marx himself has now been dragooned into service. Marx, father of the worldwide Communist movement, also turns out to have been a speculator on the London bourse, the Beijing

"It doesn't take much time to do this, and, if you are willing to risk a little bit, you can grasp money away from your opponents," the newspaper quoted Marx as telling friends.

Citing what it said were historical documents, the newspaper said Marx cleared about £400, worth \$800 at today's exchange rates, from stock transactions in London in 1864. The seed money was borrowed from his friend and comrade Friedrich Engels, it said.

Ryan Seeks Solutions for GPA

By Richard W. Stevenson ey to meet its aircraft-purchase commitments until next summer,

GPA Group PLC, the world's largest aircraft-leasing company, has faced a potential crisis: how to pay for the billions of dollars worth of new aircraft it has ordered over the next few years.

With no easy solution in sight, Tony Ryan, GPA's chairman and founder, has once again reasserted full control over the company he started 17 years ago with \$5,000. He faces a long and difficult fight to bring GPA's finances under conprevious sale, on Thursday. The last trol and maintain its position as one of the aerospace industry's most influential companies.

Last weekend, Mr. Ryan said that Maurice Foley, who had been appointed chief executive in March as the company prepared for the share offering, had been named deputy chairman.

Mr. Ryan's progress will be

watched closely by the world's airlines, which have increasingly sought to lease planes rather than buy them, and the aircraft manufacturers, for whom GPA is an important customer.

GPA, which is based in Shannon, Ireland, had been hoping to an initial public offering in June. But despite the efforts of a team of highly paid investment banks from monetary policy and currency in-terventions," he said. "It is not a no demand for GPA shares among around the world, there was almost investors. The offering had to be withdrawn, leaving GPA's finances in disarray.

The biggest problem is GPA's ommitment—ambitious under the best of circumstances - to expand aggressively through the purchase of \$11.9 billion worth of aircraft through the end of the decade, in-cluding firm orders for 206 sircraft at a cost of \$7 billion by the end of 1994. Its top supplier is Boeing Co., followed by Airbus Industrie and McDonnell Douglas Corp.

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LONDON — Ever since its and it cannot unitaterary usual planned initial stock offering contracts without forfeiting subplanned initial stock offering contracts without forfeiting subplantation in June, stantial down payments. GPA's ability to borrow more money from its banks is extremely limited be-

cause it is close to reaching the limits of debt-to-equity ratios set by the banks. The company's outlook has also been clouded by the weakness of the airline industry worldwide. Traffic and profits are down at virtually every airline, and with some

airlines slimming down or going out of business, there is a surplus of used airliners. At the same time, GPA has been plagued by the difficulties of its customers. America West Airlines, for example, is in Chapter 11 bank-ruptcy proceedings in the United States, and because it leases 16 aircraft from GPA, GPA has provided it with direct financing to help it

continue to operate.

Analysts said they would get some indication of the outlook for GPA after the company completed a series of meetings with its biggest shareholders later this week. GPA will be discussing with shareholders

a plan to raise new equity through a private placement of stock. The company has yet to decide how much new equity it will seek to raise, but it is believed to be relying on increased investments from its

current shareholders. GPA is also seeking to raise mon-cy by selling securitized packages of leases to investors. The lease packages allow investors to receive the incomes from leases, the residual value of the airolanes at the end of

the leases and tax breaks, while

GPA is paid management fees. In the long run, the most important negotiations facing GPA may be with its suppliers, the airline

GPA has been discussing with Boeing, Airbus and McDonnell Douglas the possibility of delaying or canceling an unspecified number of firm orders for new aircraft in the next few years.

Although that is likely to lead to some sort of financial penalty for GPA, analysts said the manufac-turers would ultimately have to grant GPA some concessions if only to keep one of their best cus-

After a Clean Sweep, Salomon Spreads Out

By Kurt Eichenwald New York Times Service

NEW YORK - In its year-long struggle to recover from the scandal involving its illegal bids in Treasury auctions, Salomon Brothers Inc. swept almost every senior executive from office, built a management team with virtual unknowns, settled charges with \$290 million in fines and regained profitability through its trading prowess.

Now comes the hard part. To steady its earnings, Salomon hopes to jump a daunting hurdle, building profitable investment-banking and equities businesses. The plan is a crucial piece of Salomon's strategy to rely less on profits

from its volatile trading operation.

But Salomon failed in previous attempts before the Treasury scandal to build up those businesses, as office politics and a seeming lack of concern about profits led to strategic drift.

Despite Salomon's progress in the last year, the strategy seems harder than ever to realize. In the last six months, Salomon has lost a number of executives in its investment-banking and equities divisions, a brain drain that may prove impossible to overcome despite a recent spate of hiring.

At stake in the expansion strategy, Salomon executives and analysts agreed, is nothing less than the firm's role in the financial world. Can Salomon recapture its reputation as a Wall Street powerhouse? Or is it destined to dwindle into an influential, but limited, bond-trading firm.

"They need to have their profits more diversified," said Perrin Long, an analyst with First of Michigan Corp. Senior Salomon executives agree that the current part of the firm's

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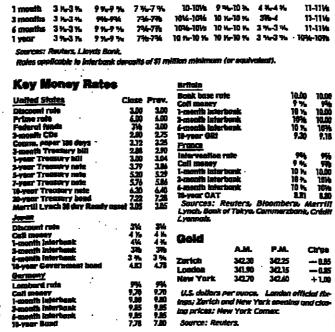


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"The pity of it is that his capital was too small," the newspaper concluded, adding that the founding of the Communist International "interrupted" Marx's stock dealings.

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Blue Chips Drop But Bonds Rally

Bloomberg Business News
NEW YORK — U.S. stocks fell Tuesday amid increasing concerns about the declining dollar and the singgish economic recovery. But news of big job losses and an interest rate cut sparked a rally in bonds. The Dow Jones industrial aver-

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age closed 21.34 points lower, at 3,260.59.

Declining common stocks outnumbered advancing issues by about a 9-to-4 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was moderate, with 162.24 million shares changing hands, up from 125.6 million on Friday.

Friday's report on employme "definitely sent shock waves through the stock market," said Edward Collins, executive vice president of institutional trading at Daiwa Securities America. "Most people thought the economy was doing better than the Labor Department is telling us."
The Labor Department reported
Friday that 83,000 jobs were lost in

August. The report prompted the Federal Reserve to lower the target federal funds rate, the rate banks First Chicago dropped 1% to 29% charge each other on overnight and Barnett Banks fell % to 34%.

loans, to 3 percent from 3.25 per-

In the bond market, meanwhile, the benchmark 30-year issue rose about 1/4 point, to 100 15/32, for a yield of 7.22 percent, down from 7.28 percent on Friday and the lowest yield in six years.

Corporations took advantage of the drop in rates, selling about \$2.4 billion of bonds on Tuesday. "With the combination of the

ket, buyers taking paper and no major economic indicators to get in the way of the rally, you could see issuance continue at this pace," said Frank Sinatra, head of the corporate bond syndication de-partment at Prudential Securities. On the Big Board, bank stocks were among the worst-performing groups, as concerns about the economy, the falling dollar and Citicorp's problems sent shivers through the industry. Citicorp declined % to 15% amid continued concern about

sloppy bookkeeping.
Wells Fargo fell 1% to 66%,
Chase Manhattan slid % to 22,

criticism levied against the bank's

mortgage unit by the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency's office for

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weeks," Sirkka Hamalainen, Bank of Finland governor, said at a news conference. It is a question of a

longer period of time."

Finland, which applied to join the
Community in March, unilaterally decided to try to link its currency to

Foreign Exchange

the Ecu in June 1991 in an effort to lay the groundwork for economic integration with the Community.
But its key paper and pulp products industry has suffered dramatically in a sick global market, even as U.S. and Canadian competitors

have gained significant market shares because of the fall in the dollar. That, together with the col-lapse of trade with the former Soviet Union, has turned what was exdownturn into an economic disaster zone, where output has fallen about 6 percent and joblessness has soared to more than 12 percent.

Sweden, like Norway, has also voluntarily linked its currency to than a pfennig from its record low the Ecu as a first step toward join of 1.3870 DM, set last Wednesday. ing the Community and its European Monetary System. The resulting squeeze on inflation has led to a sharp, although less severe, downturn that has brought the property boom of the late 1980s to an abrupt end and led to an estimated fall in Stockholm real estate values of as much as 50 percent.

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Nordic financial institutions that invested heavily in real estate, Sweden

has a much more diversified economy than Finland, while Norway's exports of its chief commodities, oil and natural gas, are priced in dollars rather than its own corrency. That provides both countries with some shelter from the currency storms aging across Europe.
While the Swedish krona, along

with the lira, remains among the

most vulnerable European curren-cies, some analysts think Stockholm may be able to withstand the pres-

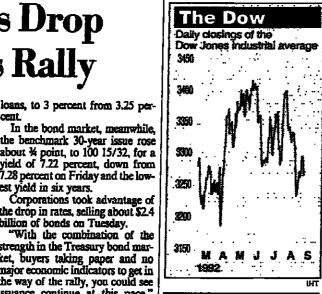
sures. If money starts pouring back into Sweden, rates should fall within a matter of weeks, analysts said. ■ Dollar Slides in New York

The dollar fell near its all-time low against the mark on Tuesday, as investors sought a safe haven in the German currency following the pected to be a relatively mild effective devaluation of the Finnish markka. The Associated Press reported from New York.

At the close, the dollar was at 1.3941 DM, down from 1.4043 DM in London late Monday and less U.S. markets were closed for a hofiday on Monday.

Against other currencies, the dollar was at 122.84 yen, down from 123.15 yen. It traded at 4.7440 French francs, down from 4.7750 francs, and at 1.2345 Swiss francs, down from 1.2495 francs.

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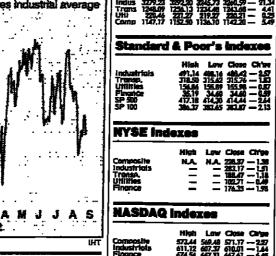


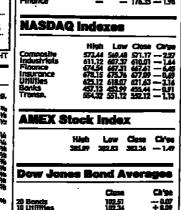
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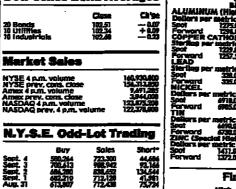
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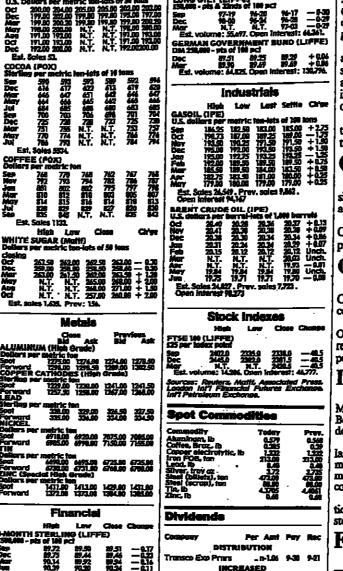


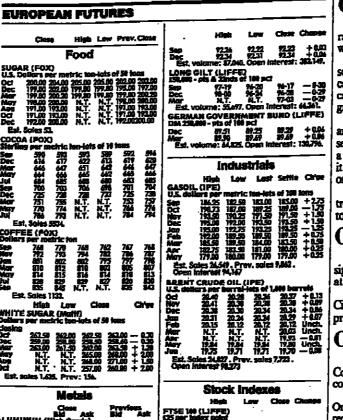


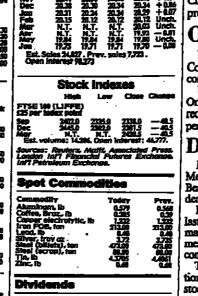
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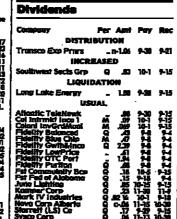


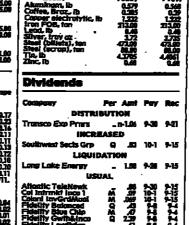


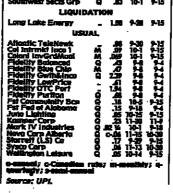












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GM Poised to Enter Credit-Card Field

DETROIT (Reuters) — General Motors Corp. is planning to join the ranks of big industrial companies offering credit cards, with plastic that

will allow users to earn rebates on its vehicles. win anow users to early repaires our its ventures.

GM began airing short teaser commercials Monday night and has scheduled a news conference in New York Wednesday to introduce the card. The move comes one week after General Electric Co. entered the card. The move comes one week after Deneral Elective Co. Entered the credit-card business and two years after American Telephone & Telegraph Co. set a standard for the industry with its Universal card, warning the field required careful selection of borrowers, Mark Keller, an analyst at the A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. noted American Express Co.

an analyst at the A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. noted American Express Co. set \$265 million aside to cover defaults and costs related to its Optima card, a credit card offered only to holders of the company's charge cards. "When it happened it was a bit surprising to the Street because their credit history on the American Express green card has always been excellent."

Off stock fell \$1.25, to \$34,00, on concern the automaker is having

trouble pushing through cost-cutting steps initiated last year. GM agreed to delay closure of a tool and die shop in order to end a nine-day strike.

Compaq Signs Deals With 3 Retailers

HOUSTON (Reuters) — Compaq Computer Corp. said on Tuesday it signed up some of the biggest U.S. computer retailers in a marketing push at buyers who like to shop in retail stores.

The Houston-based company said it signed agreements with Circuit City Stores Inc., CompuSA Inc. and Office Depot Inc. to sell Compaq products in more than 400 retail locations beginning next month.

Orion Wins Bankruptcy Court Round

NEW YORK — A federal bankruptcy judge approved Orion Pictures Corp.'s disclosure statement, clearing one of the last obstacles from the

company's emergence from bankruptcy.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Burton Lifland dismissed creditors' objections to Orion's disclosure statement, which lays the framework for the company's reorganization. The plan would cut Metromedia Corp.'s stake to 50.1 percent from 68 percent and give current bondholders the remainder.

Durr Accepts Bergen Takeover Offer MONTGOMERY, Alabama (Combined Dispatches) — Durr-Fillauer Medical Inc. gave up its opposition to a \$470 million cash takeover bid by Bergen Brunswig Corp. on Tresday, canceling a friendlier stock-swap deal with a white knight for the medical supplies wholesaler.

It was not clear how the accord differs from a \$33-a-share offer by Bergen last month. Durr spurned that bid because of requirements Durr's four top managers entering into employment, consulting and noncompeting agreements with Bergen. Durr said the new pact may include employment contracts for the executives.

The agreement scuttles Durr's planned merger with Cardinal Distribution Inc., a medical products company that agreed to acquire Durr in a stock swap valued at about \$435 million. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AP)

Ford Shifts View on European Market

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) - Ford Motor Co. said Tuesday that

swollen dealer inventories in Europe would force the company's non-U.S. operations to cut production and register losses for 1992.

Ford said in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing that losses at its overall financial performance this year. A Ford spokesman cited the lack of an expected Furnance concerns recovery especially in Britain. lack of an expected European economic recovery, especially in Britain.

For the Record

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H.J. Heisz Co.'s profit fell 43.4 percent, to \$143.8 million, in its first financial quarter after the sale of an operation inflated the year-earlier result. Earnings in the period ended July 29 were \$143.8 million, but operating earnings rose 21.7 percent, to \$259.1 million, on higher sales and cost-cuts.

Sum Co. said it wanted to sell all or part of its coal and coke-making operations, which are profitable, to concentrate on the core business of refining and marketing crude oil.

Generale Bank Net Gains

BRUSSELS — Generale Bank SA, Belgium's biggest bank, said Tuesday its first-half group net profit rose 14.5 percent from a year earlier, to 5.28 billion Belgian francs (\$182 million).

Ferdinand Chaffart, chairman of the bank's executive committee, said the rise in profit reflected increases in deposits and lending.

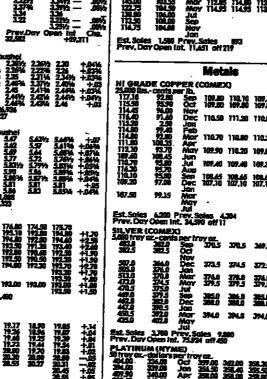
Lending to the private sector rose 14 percent, boosted by increases in straight loans, mortgages and investment credits.

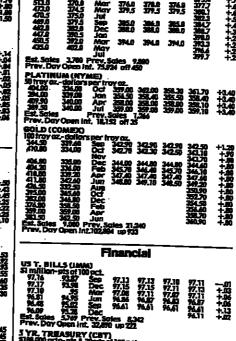
Mr. Chaffart dismissed talk that the bank was considering a tio-up with Deutsche Bank AG. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

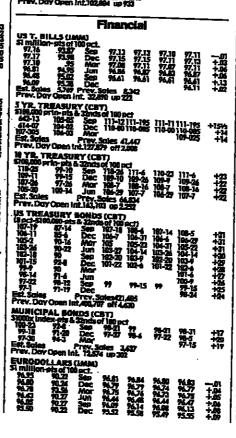
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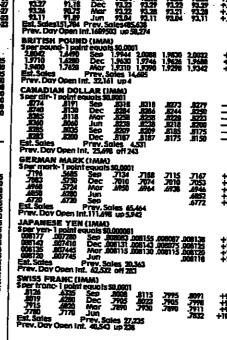
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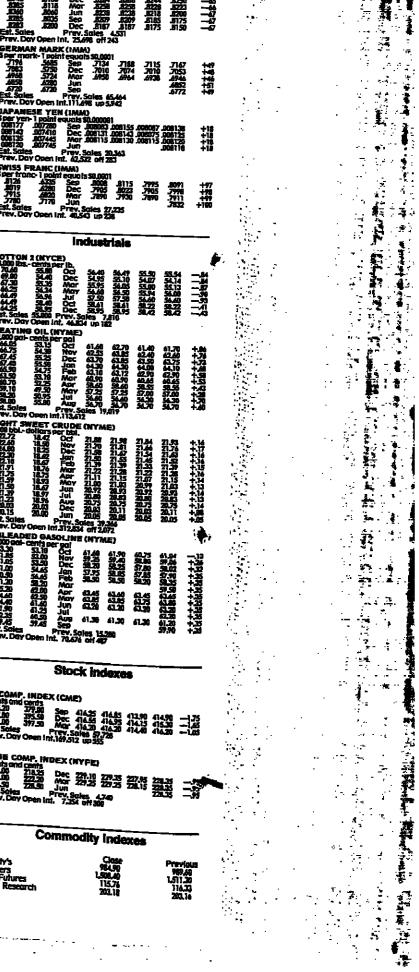
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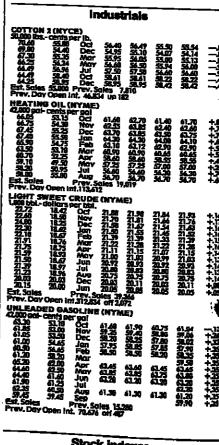


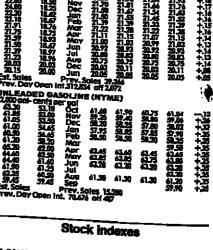


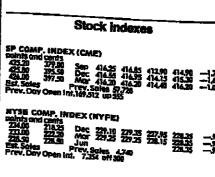












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Wimpey Posts Loss **And Cuts Dividend**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON — George Wimpey PLC, the British homebuilder, cut its dividend for the first time on Tuesday after reporting a pretax loss of £7.2 million (\$14.4 million) for the first half of 1992, compared with a profit of £200,000 a year ago.

The company cut the payout to 2 pence a share from 4 pence, and warned that the total payout for the year would also be halved, to 5.25 pence, even if there were no "further marked deterioration in trad-

ing prospects."
Sales fell by 17.6 percent from a year earlier, to £730.7 million. "Six months ago we expressed hopes this year would mark the turning point in our industry's for-

tunes," said Wimpey chairman Sir Clifford Cherwood. "Such hopes now seem increasingly vain."

The results came at the begin- pected to cut its first-half dividend. ning of what was expected to be an

almost uniformly gloomy reporting season for Britain's building materials, housebuilding and construction companies. Government figures showed

Monday that the number of new private homes started by builders in the first seven months of 1992 fell by nearly 6 percent from the same period of 1991.

County NatWest has forecast that 60 percent of companies in the building and contracting sectors would cut their dividends this year, though some may wait until the end of the year before doing so.

More gloom was expected on Wednesday when one of Wimpey's major competitors, Taylor Woodrow PLC, was expected to declare a small pretax loss for the first half, and on Thursday, when construction company AMEC PLC was ex-

(Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg)

Accor Reduces Forecast As Hotels Dent Earnings

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PARIS - Accor SA, the French tourism and catering conglomerate lowered its 1992 profit forecast on Tuesday, predicting a 15.7 percent drop from the 1991 level and indicating its hotel division was performing

Accor forecast net attributable profit of about 800 million French francs (\$168 million), down from 948.6 million francs in 1991 and a downward revision from the 1.05 billion francs predicted in May.

Paul Dubrule, one of two co-chairman, said Accor's tourism and catering units would help it limit the profit decline: "If we had only had the hotels side, we would have been much less well off."

Mr. Dubrule and his fellow co-chairman, Gerard Pelisson, announced a restructuring that included asset sales in coming weeks. But the company also said it would add the All Star chain of 73 economy hotels in the United States, with an option to buy the 8,000 bed enterprise for \$210 million after five years. Accor will incorporate All Star with its Motel 6 unit, purchased for \$1.3 billion in August 1990.

Among the planned sales are the highways division of Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits & du Tourisme SA, acquired last year for 15 billion French francs. The EC Commission required that Accor sell all the Wagons-Lits restaurants in France as a condition for approving the (Reuters, AFX)

A German Survival Strategy

By Ferdinand Protzman

New York Times Service BERLIN - A former East German company struggling to switch from communism to private enterprise has produced a refrigerator that it says will be free of ozone-destroying chlorofluorocar-bons. But hold onto your sunblock.

The maker, DKK Scharfenstein GmbH, is teetering on the brink of extinction, illustrating one of the bitter truths of the privatization processes under way to varying degrees throughout Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Even a company at work on a product of a type the world is clamoring for is not guaranteed survival in the free marketplace.

The manufacturer recently received a reprieve from the Trenhandanstalt, the agency that is carrying out the Bonn government's mandate that former East German industries be privatized, restructured or closed. Ludwig M. Tränkner, a board member of Treuhand, said the agency was offering

financial help in developing the refrigerators.

Chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, have been found to deplete the atmospheric ozone that blocks out harmful ultraviolet light. By international agreement, the manufacture of refrigerators that use CFCs will cease by the year 2000. Under German law, these refrigerators will be banned after 1995.

President George Bush also has called for a halt in the use of CFCs by 1995. In the United States, many refrigerator makers appear to be heading toward a type of hydrofluorocarbon as a replacement. Though the substance does not destroy ozone, it has not been sufficiently tested to assure manufacturers that it will work as well as the current standard coolant, CFC 12.

The new Eastern German product uses a mix ture of propane and butane gases as a coolant. It also uses a type of foam insulation that unlike the plastic foam in current models does not contain CFC 11, a type of chlorofluorocarbon.

But the butane and propane have drawbacks: both are toxic and flammable. And because the substitute foam is a less effective insulator than polyurethane, the DKK refrigerator uses at least a third more electric power than current models.

"Those are the problems we are addressing," Mr. Trankner said. "We hope to have them solved by March 1993, which is the target date for a possible production start-up." He said the government would spend \$3.4 million between now and December 1993 to enable the company to continue work on the refrigerator.

Albrecht Meyer, the head of the company's testing department, said the energy consumption level would be sharply lowered by improvements in construction. As yet, there is no buyer for the company, which was founded in 1926 north of the German-Czech border.

When communism crumbled in 1990, DKK Scharfenstein was the East Bloc's sole refrigerator and freezer manufacturer. The company employed 5,500 workers, who built 800,000 units a year. By East German standards, its manufacturing base was modern.

But compared with its two biggest Western German competitors, Liebherr Holding GmbH and Bosch-Siemens Hausgeräte GmbH, DKK Scharfenstein was hopelessly inefficient. Furthermore, the collapse of the Soviet Union effectively destroyed its primary Eastern Europe market.

Fiat Expects Rate Rise To Hit Sales

ROME - Italy's sharp discountrate increase will hurt sales at Fiat SpA, the automaker's president said Tuesday, but he did not predict by how much.

Giovanni Agnelli, interviewed outside a meeting of the business association Confindustria, said he was "sure the market would fall" following the rate rise last Friday, which boosted the discount rate by 1.75 points to 15 percent.

"It's evident that all sales will fall but it's impossible to say by how much," he said. Fiat shares, which tumbled

sharply on Friday's news and recovered some ground on Monday, eased 25 lire to 3,635 lire (\$3.39) on

Fiat's managing director, Paolo Cantarella, said he expected the Italian car market to hit bottom in "In my opinion next year will be

a bad year, but not a catastrophic one," Mr. Cantarella told L'Espresso magazine.

Data released Monday showed Fiat's Italian sales in the first eight

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• Fisons PLC posted a 58 percent drop in pretax profit in the first half, to £40.4 million (\$80.5 million).

 BSN SA reported first-half net profit fell 43 percent to 1.95 billion French francs (\$408 million); excluding a year-earlier gain of 1.68 billion francs on the sale of its champagne business, profit was up 12.9 percent. • Trygg-Hansa SPP Holding AB of Sweden has decided to cancel plans to raise 1.6 billion kronor (\$315 million) through new share issues because of

• Cubatabaco, Cuba's state tobacco company, and Turkey's tobacco monopoly, Tekel, are negotiating details of a potential agreement to manufacture cigars in Turkey.

· ABB Switzerland, a unit of ABB Asea Brown Boveri, said first-half pretax profit rose 33 percent from a year earlier, to 160 million Swiss francs (\$128 million), on a 14 percent rise in sales.

• Galerias Preciados SA, the Spanish department store unit of Mount-leigh PLC, said Chief Executive Michael Babcock has resigned following the withdrawal of his offer to acquire Galerias from Mountleigh, which is

• Lasmo PLC said it had disposed of its major remaining U.S. upstream assets, including Ultramar Oil & Gas Ltd. and Bright Start Gas Gathering System, for more than \$100 million.

• IMI PLC reported first-half pretax earnings of £36.5 million, down 8.8 percent from a year earlier. • HCS Technology NV, a Dutch computer software company, is filing for

bankruptcy protection for some of its units and has sold or is in talks to

• BMW Rolls-Royce GmbH said it got a \$500 million engine order from Gulfstream Acrospace Corp. for 200 BR-710 engines to power its new Gulfstream GV twin-engine business jet.

throughout Wall Street, as well as Benetton Group SpA said it reappointed Aldo Palmeri as managing teams of traders from other firms.

Benetton Group SpA said it reappointed Aldo Palmeri as managing director, two years after he left the company.

Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX

SALOMON: With Treasury Scandal Behind It, Tough Road Lies Ahead Harris, a senior executive who left the firm for Lazard, Freres & Co. Underwriting virtually collapsed once the scandal began, but Salo-One critical problem that has not been addressed. Salomon executives said, is the firm's failure to

(Continued from first finance page)

recovery is crucial. "The investments we are making now are going to be the key to our future success. said Deryck C. Maughan, Salo-mon's chief executive. "But it is not

a quick fix." Few people at Salomon doubt the difficulty of the plan, primarily ause it was a goal that even the old Salomon, for all of its bravado and arrogance, could not achieve for years. Investment banking was 1988 with the departure of J. Ira than 10 percent of the U.S. market. investment banking

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Within months, there was a steady stream of departures from Salo-

Those problems had a ripple effect throughout the division. Once the perennial leader in U.S. corporate underwritings, Salomon saw its market share in that business slip almost continuously, losing the top spot to Merrill Lynch & Co. By the last quarter before the scandal

mon has effectively recovered al-most to where it had been, again ranking fourth with just under 8 percent of the market.

Investment banking "should do better than it has in the past," said Warren E. Buffett, the Omaha, Nebraska-based investor who was Salomon's interim chairman during the government investigation of the firm. "But that is not a function of once a well-regarded operation at broke, Salomon's underwritings the last year. The money Salomon Salomon, but it deteriorated after ranked fourth on Wall Street, less has made has simply not been from

business, which was gutted by defections in the months after the Treasury market scandal, in part because of Mr. Buffett's decision to cut pay. With many employees' salaries chopped by as much as 30 percent, a number of salesmen, traders and researchers left.

Salomon staffers.

In recent months, the firm has hired scores of researchers from

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Thailand Approves Offshore Banking

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches however, because it was hampered BANGKOK - Thailand has taken a major step to open up the financial sector by allowing domestic and foreign banks to offer offshore banking services here, a senior official said Tuesday.

Chaiyawat Wibulswasdi, assistant central bank governor, said a cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Anand Panyarachun had approved a tax-incentive package ned at attracting foreign banks to set up offshore banking units. He said 15 to 20 licenses would be granted to provide international banking facilities during an initial period of one to two years. Central bank officials said about half of the permits would likely be given to

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Thai banks. The new rules will cut taxes on licensed offshore banking activities in order to encourage regional lending. Loans must total at least \$500,000 to qualify.

Nimit Nonthapanthawat, chief economist of Bangkok Bank Ltd. said the offshore facilities could meet the expected growth in demand for syndicated loans to finance infrastructure projects in Thailand and Indochina

He said the tax relief would make Thailand competitive with Singapore, where most Thai foreign loans are currently raised.

Bankers said it would take time

by poor telecommunications facilities and personnel shortages.

The new rules lower the corporate income-tax rate to 10 percent from 30 percent for licensed offshore banking units. This is the same rate as Singapore but lower than Hong Kong.

So-called out-out transactions, or borrowing by offshore facilities for lending abroad, will not be subject to tax.

Interest paid on foreign loans brought into the country will not be subject to a 10 percent withholding tax, and interest on non-baht bank deposits by foreign residents will also be exempt.

A 25 percent tax on capital gains remains unchanged under the new regulations.

Krairit Euchukanonchai, head of treasury operations at Citibank said he expected most of the 14 foreign banks with branches here would seek a licenses for offshore banking.

The new development is the latest step in Thailand's liberalization of the banking industry. The government earlier deregulated bank interest rates and lifted restrictions on most trade-related foreign-exchange transactions.

It is also planning to permit banks to issue negotiable certififor Thailand to become a serious cates of deposit and other debt inrival of Singapore or Hong Kong, struments.

Johnson Motors Through Recession

By Laurence Zuckerman International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - Despite a global decline in consumer spending that is cutting into theprofits of many of its customers, Johnson Electric Holdings Ltd. is finding trends moving more and more in its direction.

For years the company, now the world's second-largest producer of micromotors used in everything from hairdryers to automobiles, had doors slammed in its face because its main factory was in China.

Those were the days, says Patrick Wang, the maging director, when "made in China" meant low quality. Now, the label is synonymous with low price and increasing competi-tion is forcing European and American manufacturers to look to suppliers like Johnson.

Earlier this year, the company won an exclusive contract from the North American division of General Motors Corp. to supply the motors for windshield washer pumps; it is also supplying the company with motors used in automatic door locks. Johnson had made several attempts to win

GM's business in the past, but the contract always seemed to end up being awarded to Delco, the GM subsidiary, or one of GM's long-time suppliers. "Somewhere, we were never told why, it just stopped dead," Mr.

GM's turnaround may be part of the company's new approach to sourcing in the wake of a management shakeup last spring, but it is

HONG KONG - Hopewell Holdings Ltd.

million dollars a year earlier.

Hopewell, which is building roads and power

tations in southern China and a mass transit

rail system in Bangkok, said the sale of real estate interests contributed 528.5 million dollars to profits, up from 155.6 million a year ago.

also recognition of Johnson's growing reputation as a world-class supplier.

Before GM, Johnson was already supplying motors to such names as Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Black & Decker and Krupp, not to mention Chrysler and Ford. The company is a favorite of Hong Kong analysts and fund managers because of its solid management and strong earnings growth, having registered a profit each year since listing on the Hong Kong exchange in 1984.

For the year ended in March, Johnson's net profit rose 26 percent to 283 million Hong Kong dollars (\$36.6 million), on sales of 1.29 billion. Profits should grow 22 percent in 1993 and 20 percent in 1994, according to Barine Securities.

Mr. Wang says the company is able to rack up such growth despite the global recession because increasing interest in safety, comfort and preserving the environment all result in increased demand for Johnson's products in such components as automobile fuel pumps and automatic headlamp adjusters. Electronically adjusted automobile seats alone require as many as six or seven separate micromo-

The company recently inaugurated a new factory outside Bangkok, from which it hopes to supply the growing number of consumer products and automobile manufacturing operations in Southeast Asia. And it is automat

the property sales, rose to 1.62 billion dollars from 982.1 million.

The profit exceeded most forecasts, which ranged from 1.1 billion to 1.5 billion Hong

Kong dollars. Analysts said the result also may

have included bigger investment earnings on the proceeds of Hopewell's one-for-one rights

issue and private placement during the year.

The rights issue also explained why earnings

per share were virtually flat at 42 cents, com-

Property Gains Send Net Soaring at Hopewell

ing its factory in southern China. But much of the company's profits are

a rare practice in a town where companies are known to switch corporate strategies overnight. "Many Hong Kong companies in their position would start dreaming about becoming the next Li Ka-shing," said Richard Fairgrieve, an analyst at the Nomura Research Institute, "but Johnson doesn't do that. They stick to what they know."

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Mr. Wang, 42, is too busy trying to outwit his Japanese rivals to think about investing in property. His father, Wang Seng-liang, founded the company in 1959 and is still chairman, but it is Mr. Wang, an engineering graduate of Purdue University, who has

brought it to the cutting edge.

In the current environment, where Johnson's customers, are looking not just at price but at quality and ability to deliver, Mr. Wang says, the distinction between being a manufacturing company and a service com-pany has blurred; half the battle is simply figuring out what the customer needs so that

Johnson can design the right product.

In order to stay close to the corporate decision makers, Johnson has set up research laboratories in Switzerland and Fairfield, Connecticut and technical centers in Stuttgart and Cleveland.

"We know we have the right cost structure, but that doesn't guarantee us the business," Mr. Wang said. "We have to learn how to nunicate with the customer. Then we get the edge because then we know what they

Law, head of research at DBS Securities.

■ Hong Kong Gas Gains

Bloomberg Business News reported.

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Hong Kong & China Gas Co. said first-half

net profit rose 21.5 percent to 472.2 million Hong Kong dollars (\$61 million) from 388.7 million dollars in the year-earlier period,

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• K. Wah International Holdings Ltd. of Hong Kong has agreed to invest? billion Hong Kong dollars (\$129 million) to redevelop an old district of Guangzhou in southern China, Beijing's New Evening Post reported. Moody's Investors Service Inc. said it was reviewing the double-A-3
long-term deposit rating of Chiba Bank Ltd., one of Japan's jarger regional banks, due to its exposure in real estate.

• Minebea Co. said it expected to suffer a net loss of 10 billion yen (\$81.2 million) in the year ending in September after previously forecasting a net

profit of 500 million yen. • Shanghai will be the site of a \$70 million trade center for exhibitions of new industrial products and services, Xinhua news agency said. Taiwan, which broke diplomatic ties with South Korea last month after Seoul recognized Beijing, will ban Korean shipping firms from operating

on the route between Taiwan and Japan beginning Sept. 15, officials said. Bangladesh will privatize Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha, the country's chief state-owned industrial credit agency, the official news agency said.

said Tuesday that a big gain on the sale of real estate interests helped its net profit more than double in the year ended June 30, to 1.62 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$210 million), from 718.9 China Trade Stays in Black

BELIING - China posted a trade surplus of \$1.27 billion in August as exports continued to benefit from Deng Xiaoping's call for faster market-oriented reforms, the China Daily reported Tuesday.

Exports rose 21.6 percent to \$7.88 billion, a new monthly record, while imports were up 18 percent to \$6.61 billion, the official newspaper said, citing figures from the customs office.

From January to August, China's trade surplus totaled \$4.7 billion, with exports of \$50.63 billion and imports of \$45.93 billion.

China's 1991 trade surplus totaled \$8.12 billion. "The surge in foreign trade this year is in step with the accelerated overall growth in the country's economy since early this year, when

Deng Xiaoping visited south China and called for vigorous growth," the newspaper commented. Imports of equipment by foreign-funded firms rose 92.9 percent in August from a year earlier, to \$680 million. (AFP, AFX, Renters)

Taiwan Plans a Big Refinery

TAIPEI — A group of 17 Taiwan petrochemical companies said Tuesday it would like to invest about 90 billion Taiwan dollars (\$3.6 billion) to build what would be the island's seventh naphtha cracker.

"An initial evaluation of the project was positive, though it's still too early to say when we will start or who will participate," a Ho Tung

The complex would refine 200,000 barrels of crude oil a day, creating

620,000 metric tons of ethylene a year. Ethylene is used in making plastics.

he United States and Japan because domestic production of 750,000 to

800,000 tons a year is far below consumption of 1 million to 1.2 million

tons, according to figures from the state-run Chinese Petroleum Corp.

The government earlier this year approved a \$3.3 billion Formosa Plastics Group complex able to produce 450,000 tons of ethylene a year.

Demand is expected to hit 1.8 million tons by 1995.

Chemical Corp. executive said.

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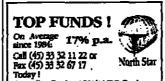
TOKYO - The president of Japan's Federation of Bankers Asso-ciation, Tsuneo Wakai, said Tuesday that banks should finance

held as collateral for bad loans. Under an economic rescue plan ands. It was unclear, however tomu Hata said Tuesday it was promature to discuss government

Wakai said. But the final count will depend on how many banks will participate and how

expected because of the likely size of the program. Private economists the top 21 banks, on which interes more, totaled 7 trillion to 8 trillio

Mr. Wakai said the basic police should include purchase prices in Meanwhile, Japan's ruling Lib



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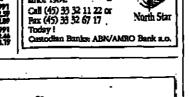
unveiled last month. Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa called for the creation of a company to take problem real estate off banks' whether the entity would be public funding for such a venture.

Mr. Wakai, who also is presiden Mitsubishi Bank Ltd., said his bank had been working out a plan for a land-buying venture since late last month, which it plans to complete by year-end.

nuch land will be involved, he said

Public funding has been widely imate bad loans held at banks will go as high as 50 trillion year (\$406 billion), although the Finance Ministry has said loans by in arrears for six months or yen at March 31.

line with market prices and said purchases should not be limited to those owned by corporations that are said to be the most troubled. eral Democratic Party demed a newspaper report that it has drawn up a plan to use public funds for the bank venture.

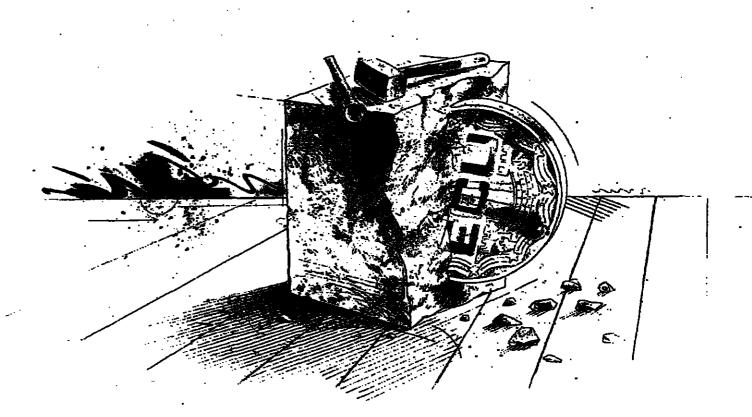




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SPORTS BASEBALL

For Losing Jays, Theft Doesn't Pay

Griffin became moonlight gamthe visiting Toronto Blue Jays.

Griffin rolled his dice in the same of Toronto. ninth inning Monday night. With Greg Vaughn hit his one out and the score 4-4, Toronto's shortstop doubled down the pitch through the hole on the right left-field line, sliding into second

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barely ahead of the throw. Coming up with just one out was the top of the batting order, Devon White, Roberto Alomar and Joe Carter, who had three hits between them.

But Griffin tried to steal third and was cut down by catcher Brent Mayne. Then White dumped a sinale into right field that probably

go-ahead run.
"If it works, it's a good play," said the Blue Jays' manager, Cito

As it was, the game went into the 12th, when McRae, with one out, hit a bouncer that glanced off Alomar's glove at second base. McRae sprinted for second as White raced to the ball in shallow center.

McRae was safe by a whisker. With two out, Gaston elected to walk Gregg Jefferies, hitting .296, and pitch to Curtis Wilkerson, hit-

ting .272.
On the second pitch from David Wells, Wilkerson bounced a single into left and the speedy McRae scored easily, breaking the Blue Jays' three-game winning streak, although they remained 1½ games ahead of Baltimore in the Ameri-

can League East. Yankees 6, Orioles 2: In Balti-

tentional walk to load the bases.

Mills went to 3-0 on Stankiewicz, then threw a strike before ball four Texas for the Rangers, went 1 for 3

cleared the bases with a drive off When Brian McRae and Alfredo the right-field fence.

Brewers 2, Indians 0: Robin blers, McRae won, Griffin lost and Yount closed to two hits of 3.000 the Kansas City Royals went home and Cal Eldred won his sixth with a 12-iming, 5-4 victory over straight decision by beating visiting Cleveland as Milwaukee closed to

Greg Vaughn hit his 19th homer in the second and Yount hit a 3-2 side for a fourth-inning single off Dennis Cook, Yount stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on Paul Molitor's single.

Eldred, who has allowed only two earned runs in his last 44% innings, gave up only four hits in seven innings. He walked four and struck out three.

Angels 3, Athletics 2: John Orton hit a two-run single in the second and Lee Stevens hit an RBI single in the third in Anaheim, California, would have scored Griffin with the as rookie Julio Valera again stopped Oakland, which lost for the sixth time in seven games.
The A's have scored just 12 runs

Gaston. "If it does not work, it's a in seven games since trading Jose Valera is 3-0 with a 1.08 ERA

against the A's. He gave up one run on five hits in six innings.
Twins 4, Mariners 2: Gene Lar-

kin made up for a costly error with two-run homer and a two-run double against visiting Seattle as Minnesota ended a three-game losing streak.

Red Sox 3, Rangers 0: Roger Clemens and Nolan Ryan matched three-hit shutouts for seven in-nings, before rookie John Valentin's RBI double in the eighth gave Boston its victory in Texas.

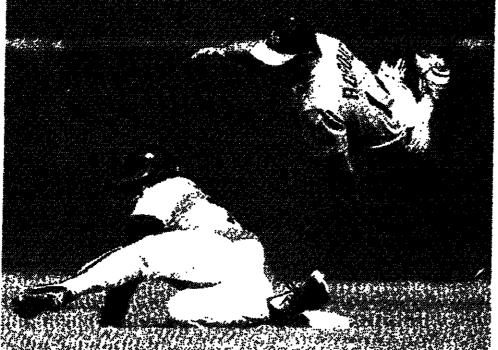
Clemens gave up three hits in eight innings, and lowered his league-leading ERA to 2.18. He struck out nine, with a streak of seven in a row in the middle inmore, Andy Stankiewicz drew a nings. He walked three and threw a bases-loaded walk to break a tie in the 13th and Bernie Williams then leader Juan Gonzalez, who left the

hit a three-run triple for New York.

Danny Tartabull opened the

Ryan, who is winless in his las Ryan, who is winless in his last 13th with a walk from Alan Mills eight starts, allowed two runs on six and took third on a single by Mel hits in 8½ innings. He struck out six Hall. After Randy Velarde struck and walked one before taking himout, Matt Nokes was given an in- self out of the game with a strained muscle in his lower left back.

was called on a close pitch. After and made a leaping catch against Pat Kelly stuck out, Williams the right-field wall.



Mike Bordick got the tag as he flew over the Angels' stealing John Orton, but the A's crashed again.

Homer in 10th Gets Cards Past Stumbling Expos, 8-7

The Montreal Expos have hit a bit of a September slump.

Bernard Gilkey's homer leading off the 10th inning gave the St. Louis Cardinals an 8-7 victory in Montreal on Monday, and the Expos' third straight loss kept them four games behind the Pittsburgh Pirates in the National League

"If you can look at the bright side in our three losses, Pittsburgh has lost twice." Larry Walker of the Expos said. "We could be six games out instead of four."

Gilkey lined a 2-0 pitch from John Wetteland over the left-field fence for his fifth homer of the

The Cardinals had tied in the ninth on an RBI single by pinchhitter Gerald Perry, after the Expos scored three runs in the eighth on Tim Laker's RBI groundout, a wild pitch by Todd Worrell that scored Greg Colbrunn, and Marquis Grissom's 13th home run, over the wall Cubs 6, Pirates 5: In Pittsburgh, Derrick May hit a three-run homer on reliever Bob Patterson's first

pitch in the 11th and Chicago won NATIONAL LEAGUE

second major league start.
The Cubs outhit the Pirates, 21-10, but for 7% innings were shut

as Alex Arias went 5 for 5 in his

out by four Pittsburgh relievers until May hit the second first-pitch homer allowed by Patterson in two appearances. Stan Belinda, who had pitched

two scordess innings, quickly got into trouble in the 11th by allowing singles to Ryne Sandberg and Mark Grace, who had three hits apiece. Andre Dawson bounced into a force play before Patterson Padres 7, Giants 5: Jerald Clark replaced Belinda and May hit his a grand slam and Gary Sheffield seventh homer.

in each of the first three imnings off, spite allowing run-scoring singles Mark Gardner, Montreal's starter. by Jose Lind and John Wehner in

the 11th. Braves 7, Dodgers 1: John Smoltz won for the first time in a month, striking out nine and shut-ting out the visiting Los Angeles on three hits over seven innings as Atlanta won its third in a row.

Smoltz was 0-4 in his previous five starts, with an ERA of 5.28. Reds 10, Astros 0: Jose Rijo held Honston, playing at home, to three hits over seven innings as Cincinnati won for the fourth time in five

Greg Swindell, just off the dis-abled list, relieved Rijo and pitched one inning while striking out two.

Mets 6, Phillies 3: Todd Hund-ley and Dick Schofield each drove two runs as New York won in Philadelphia, although the Phillies outhit the Mets, 12-6.

Padres 7, Giants 5: Jerald Clark and Darrin Jackson also homered Paul Assenmacher pitched a as San Diego won in San Francisco scorcless 10th for the victory and for its fifth straight victory.

With Vincent Out, Has Baseball's War Just Begun?

By Claire Smith New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Major league baseball, as it has been constructed since the aftermath of its darkest days, the 1919 White Sox gambling scandal, has evolved again. For the first time since Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis helped design the office, the commissionership is dead. When Fay Vincent resigned Monday, for all intents, the office expired.

Vincent said that no winners emerged from the long, contentions battle. On that, at least, he and Jerry Reinsdorf, the owner perceived as the architect of the commissioner's fall, agree. But since this is a sport that accepts victories and losses but no ties, the attempt must be made to measure those who gained and those who lost in the baseball war of 1992.

The obvious candidates for winners of the year are owners like Reinsdorf of the Chicago White Sox, Bud Selig of the Milwaukee Brewers, Peter O'Malley of the Los Angeles Dodgers, not to mention the Tribune Co., which runs the Chicago Cubs. They seem to have what they have coveted - control of the game with the opposition badly outnumbered and all but silenced, and a clear path to restructuring the commissioner's role as that of a chief executive officer who is answerable not to the players, umpires or fans but only to the owners, who now liken themselves to a board of directors.

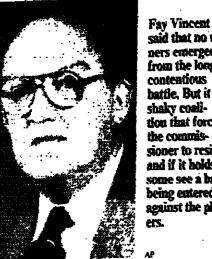
Since none of those other three constituencies Vincent chose to represent have any say in drawing up baseball management's new world order, a CEO posi-tion, perhaps fashioned in the style of the National Basketball Association, seems likely.

That is, of course, if those who pushed aside Vincent can guarante ultimate victory. By Wednesday, when the owners gather in St. Louis, a picture of the game's new landscape should quickly emerge, and it remains to be seen if it's a peaceful one or whether a power grab will ensue. Big- and small-market clubs, supersta-tion-fueled teams and teams with minuscule television revenue have little left in common now that their desire to have done with Vincent has been satisfied. How they begin to stake out new territories will show how the federation of 18 holds up.

It takes a three-quarters majority to effect any major change in baseball, such as hiring a new commissioner or changing the Major League Agreement, the sport's governing document. Assuming that Cin-cinnati, the only team to abstain from Thursday's vote, will now join the majority, at least two of the nine teams once allied with Vincent will have to join the majority in order to assure that three-quarters vote.

At least seven members in the minority group said that Vincent should fight the assault on the office of commissioner as it was constituted rather than resign. Those in position to point to immediate gains

 League presidents. Bill Giles of the Phillies, an owner crucial to the drive to evict Vincent, indicated that the new structure would also redefine the offices held by Bobby Brown of the American League and Bill White of the National League. "The league presi-



said that no winners emerged from the long. contentious battle, But it is a shaky coalition that forced the commissioner to resign; and if it holds, some see a battle being entered against the playpobors Ru

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dents should have more responsibility, more to do that e The Cubs. They will no longer have to concern

themselves with the re-alignment plan that would have put Chicago and St. Louis in the National League West and moved two Eastern time zone teams, Atlanta and Cincinnati, into the East,

• The Tribune Co. The company that has the Cubs as its flagship in a growing fleet of teams whose games are performing on its television stations will no longer have to concern itself with organized opposition to superstations, or its growing network of affiliated sports franchises.

· George Steinbrenner. The exiled owner of the New York Yankees, due for a parole from Vincent on March I, has always counted among his closest friends in baseball the White Sox ownership and Selig. Expect an earlier release.

• Richard Ravitch: The head of the Player Relations Committee, management's labor-relations unit, denied not long ago that he wanted to be commissioner. He did not deny be wanted to run labor relations without the threat of Vincent invoking the "best interests" powers of the commissioner to interfere with negotiations with the Players Association, With Vincent gone, that power to intervene is, most likely, gone too. And speaking of labor, it cannot be lost on the union or its constituency that the word war, not peace, was sounded by Reinsdorf on Thursday when asked . about labor relations in a post-Vincent era.

It was certainly not lost on Richie Phillips, the head . of the umpires' union. Starting with Peter Ueberroth and ending with Vincent, Phillips said, his umpires always thought the commissioners signaled they had an independence about them and invited the other constituencies under the one big tent. "We no longer have that avenue of redress," Phillips said.

As for his fellow union, Phillips said: "I think it's a signal to the players that the owners have a very strong intention to close this game down for a long time and they were afraid Fay would stop them, or at least give the players the feeling that there could be someone there who could conciliate. That's also gone.

"And what I see that's left is that the same arrogance that spawned the reserve clause that almost ruined baseball has grown up again. And that shows in their belief that they can destroy the office of commissioner so they can prove that they and they alone own the game and can run it the way that they want."

BOOKS

EVELYN WAUGH: The Later Years, 1939-1966

By Martin Stannard. 503 pages. \$25.95. W. W. Norton & Co. Inc., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York

Reviewed by Michael Dirda

HANGE and decay in all around I see," sings out an old duffer in Evelyn Wangh's "Scoop" (1938), his satirical expose of journalists in action. During the last 25 years of his life Wangh, whom Graham Greene called "the greatest nov-clist of my generation," must have reflected more than once on the prescience that led him to title his early books "Decline and Fall" (1928), "Vile Bodies" (1930), "A Handful of Dust" (1934).

In "Evelyn Waugh: The Early Years" (1987), Martin Stannard portrayed a young artist's halting progress: Rebet against his upper middle-class family, Oxford aesthete and (temporary) homosexual, admirer of the arts-and-crafts movement, Bright Young Person, social climber, dashing young husband, heart-broken cuckold, world traveler, Catholic convert and, almost incidentally, one of the most amusing authors in the world. That volume closed five years after Waugh completed his early masterpiece, "A Handful of Dust."

Waugh looked forward to the World

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War II. He thought of it as a crusade, made up of highborn warriors, defending civilization, leading the grateful common people on to victory. As "Evelyn Wangh: The Later Years" opens, one can't help but respect the man, old enough to be excused from service like many of his friends, trying desperately to get into battle. But, as Stannard makes clear, that just about exhausts one's admiration. He abused the shellshocked as moral cowpoltroons. When his second wife, Laura, became pregnant, a nearly annual occurrence during the war years, she would go into her labors alone, while Waugh idly partied with rich friends in London or worked at "Brideshead Revisited" (1945), awaiting a birth amouncement in the Times.

Considering Wangh's deeply self-cen-tered behavior, it's hardly surprising that no serious military man wanted him around, so the novelist bounced among various special commando groups, serv-ing mostly as an intelligence officer, ultimately seeing some action in Crete and Yugoslavia.

Waugh's postwar years, Stannard notes, could be characterized as a combination of pictas and tax evasion. He increasingly saw himself as a Catholic novelist, worked hard to convert friends, edited Thomas Merton for English andi-ences, wrote a biography of Monsignor Ronald Knox, bewailed the liberalization

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of private charity, but also spent money stories - and there are scores - will find with Trimalchian recklessness. Death, it turns out, was frequently on

his mind. By 1951 Waugh was only 48 but already a fat, ugly wheezer ready to die. After all, what was there to live for? He had finished what he always regarded as his best novel, the now little-read "Helena" (1950), about the Empress who discovered the True Cross. He was beset by myriad health troubles and he had begun

Michael Dirda is on the staff of The acedia, his reliance on drink and drugs. Washin Those looking for outrageous Wangh review. Washington Post. This is an excerpt of his

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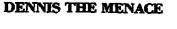
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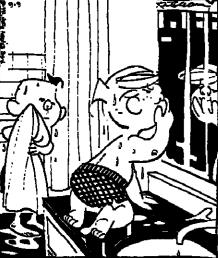
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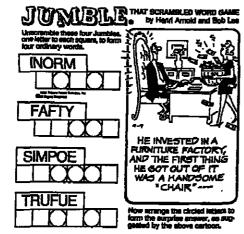
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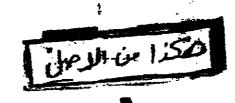




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Redskins Fumble, **Cowboys Rumble**

By Richard Justice IRVING, Texas - The Washing-

ton Redskins, en route to victory in the Super Bowl, could have played a month last season and not put to-gether this kind of lowlight film. Without seeing so many mis-

takes by the special teams and breakdowns in pass protection. Without seeing a string of costly and sometimes silly mistakes. Without seeing three Pro Bowl

players — quarterback Mark Ry-pien, comerback Darrell Green and tackle Jim Lachey - look so bad. The Redskins played 12 weeks last season before losing. Monday night, the Dallas Cowboys out-

played them from beginning to end and won the season opener, 23-10. It was a game that left both teams physically and mentally ex-hausted, partly because it had the intensity of a playoff contest and partly because of the heat on the artificial turf. It was also a game the Cowboys won in every way imaginable and it may look worse after the Redskins find out the severity of knee injuries suffered by right tackle Joe Jacoby and defen-

sive tackie Bobby Wilson. "I think you have to say it was a heck of a job on their part," said the Redskins' coach, Joe Gibbs. "I think they did a great job all the way across the board. That's all there is to it.

"You just have to brag on them." The Redskins' first drive ended with cornerback Issiac Holt of the Cowboys rushing around, Johnny Thomas to block Kelly Goodburn's punt for a safety. Then wide receiver Alvin-Harper beat Green for a 26-yard touchdown pass with 1:02 left in the first half. Kelvin Martin broke the game open with a 79- that worries me."

yard punt return for a touchdown midway through the third quarter. But the Cowboys also won because their new sackmaster. Charles Haley, blew by Lachey and others to bedevil Rypien the entire

Rypien, who completed 20 of 38 passes for 189 yards and a touch-down, was hit harder and more often than in any game last season. He was sacked twice - only five times fewer than all of last season and was knocked down at least a dozen other times.

And Emmitt Smith became the first runner to get four straight 100yard games against a Gibbs team. He gained 139 yards on 26 carries, with a five-yard run making it 9-0 in the first quarter.

Quarterback Troy Aikman did the rest, completing 18 of 31 passes for 216 yards and one touchdown. The Cowboys rolled up 390 yards and 23 first downs.

"The assessment is simple," said defensive tackle Tim Johnson. "We got beat by the better team. There's not a lot of excuses we can make."

The Redskins opened in a nohuddle offense that caused more confusion for them than for the Cowboys. They finished the first quarter with minus two yards of-fense, had only 264 for the game and began seven of their 11 posses-sions inside their 21.

They also had 80 yards worth of penalties, with three personal fouls. "Our worry is getting this game behind us," said the Cowboys' coach, Jimmy Johnson, who then added something that Gibbs surely will clip and save.

"I told a comple of the coaches we'd win this one," Johnson said, "but it's the Giants game next week



Stefan Edberg puffed past Richard Krajicek, 6-4, 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, and into the quarterfinals. I'm happy with the way I'm competing.

Edberg Forced to 5 Sets Before Beating Krajicek

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — Stefan Edberg took a giant step Tuesday toward successfully defending his U.S. Open title when he struggled past Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, 6-4, 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

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The victory, his first in three matches against Kraji-cek, put the Swede into the quarterfinals of the year's final Grand Slam tommament

Washington broke Leconte at 30, then served a love game for a 6-4, 6-7 (2-7), 6-4, 6-3 victory in a match that was suspended Sunday night because of rain.

On the women's side, Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria ended 16-year-old Chanda Rubin's run of success with a 7-5, 5-7, 6-1 defeat. It was a struggle for Edberg, the No. 2 seed, who battled for nearly 4½ hours before besting Krajicek in the battle of serve-and-volleyers. Edberg made 158 trips to the net, six more than his 6-foot, 4-inch (1.93of the three Malecvas, will play her oldest sister for the second time in a tournament. Manuela Malecva-Frag-

Krajicek jumped in front in the final set, breaking Edberg in the opening game. He almost had a second break in the third game before Edberg held.

With both players following their big serves to the net and hitting penetrating volleys, Edberg broke back to pull even in the sixth game.

In the ninth game, Krajicek had double break point at 15-40. A service break then would have had him serving for the match.

serving for the match.

But at 30-40, the Dutchman moved left on a seco serve and ripped a forehand down the line. The ball landed inches long and Edberg went on to hold.

When he broke Krajicek in the next game, he had wrapped up a quarterfinal berth.

Krajicek had beaten him in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1991 and in Tokyo earlier this year. Fighth-seeded Andre Agassi gained the quarterfi-nals, and a match against top-seeded Jim Courier, with a 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 victory over No. 10 Carlos Costa of

Spain on Monday night.

The other top-half quarterfinal will pit No. 3 Pete Sampras, the 1990 U.S. Open champion, against surprising Alexander Volkov of Russia.

Sampras ousted No. 13 Guy Forget of France, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, while Volkov beat Brad Gilbert, 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (7-5).

In his previous match, Sampras also fell 2 sets to 1 behind before edging past Todd Martin.
"I'm pretty fortunate," said Sampras. "I'm not playing all that great right now. Maybe it's a combina-

tion of me being a little tired from having a long summer — but a good summer — but I'm getting through these matches.

That's the most important thing, that I won, and

In the quarterfinals, Magdalena, at 17 the youngest

niere, now married and living in Switzerland, beat Magdalena in the first round of the Canadian Open

It will be the first time sisters have met at the U.S.

Open since Katerina, the middle sister, defeated Mag-

Rubin had upset Katerina Maleeva in the previous

dalena in a first-round much in 1990.

TWO YEARS ARO.

Master of a Moment

NEW YORK - There was Barbra Streisand. wearing sunglasses on a rainy night, intellectualizing in a Hollywood sort of way about Andre Agassi.

"He's playing like a Zen master," gushed his new fan. "He's very much in the moment." And there was Agassi, his ponytail flowing from the back of his cap, his gold earning gleaming in the lights, his beard mysteriously gone, pounding the ball with a steady beat that tuned out Carlos Costa,

the Spanish clay-court specialist, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. "Tonight was a big test for me, mentally," Agassi said. "I don't think things were working real well for me. I do not think I was hitting the ball extremely clean. I fought through it. That says a lot. If I am doing that mentally, and all of a sudden I can start playing well at the same time, it is a whole other level of tennis. It is a confidence builder."

Of his relationship with pal Barbra, he said, "It is exciting. She obviously has a lot of respect for me on a personal level. Now she has come out and watched me play and it is overflowing into the professional level. That is the ultimate compliment from somebody who has accomplished that much."

But the Zen master theory puzzled Agassi. "I am going to have to talk to her about that

Now Playing All Over Italy: A Fist Full of Dollars

ONDON — The Italians should be told that gluttony L can damage their health. Their new soccer season began Sunday with more imported sporting flesh than the clubs know what to do with: In the teeth of the summer recession, the 18 first division clubs have purchased \$480 million worth of players.

Think about it. Whole tribes in Somalia could be saved for a fraction of the millions used to swell to 73 the number of foreigners now em-

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ployed by Italian chibs. Perhaps you think the analogy to Africa's starvmg is out of order. Ital-

ians are exercising a right to spend wealth as they please and in a land obsessed with the round ball those millions might be better or alcohol.

Yet Italy's soccer federation tries to protect the nation's own young aspirants. They, too, want to play and, reasonably enough, the federation restricts each team to three stranieri per game.

Sundays thus become a day of rest for 19 surplus foreigners. Their collective worth is conservatively \$60 million, plus wages and bonuses.

It is worse than wasteful. By sitting them on the beach, the sport is denied their skills. And they, egotists as stars intrinsically tend to be, lose a little edge and perhaps a great deal of desire.

A great deal of ego crushing is now going on at AC

other entrepreneurs into his deadly game.

Six years ago Berlusconi began throwing lira at players even Gianni Agnelli, the Juventus benefactor, thought outrageously overpriced. Now Agnelli, and newer buyers like the Lazio financier Sergio Cragnotti, are matching Berinscom's largesse. But like a man possessed, Berinscom shovels ever more line onto his own wheel of fortune, a wheel in his case self-fulfilling in that he owns the soccer team, the sponsorships and the television outlet.

Somewhere around that circle, Berlusconi's own ego became wrapped up in soccer. The game has that effect on Italy in Eindhoven, a match needed by both teams to people. He now alludes to himself as Milan's father, and to prepare for World Cup action.

own creation. They feel reduced to factory shift workers, interchangeable like light bulbs.

Last season, under floor manager Fabio Capello, Milan was unbeaten in 34 Serie A matches. The team, three Dutchmen and nine Italian national team representatives, scored 74 goals while giving up 21.

This season, the proprietor wants more. He expects Milan to keep the Italian title and bring home the Europe-So he buys new players — new Italians, but also Dejan Savicevic, a Serb, Zvinomir Boban, a Croat; and Jean-

Pierre Papin, the lone Frenchman among 24 nationalities in the Italian league.

dynamic. Milan, having finished the previous season by thrashing Foggia, 8-2, lost rhythm, shape and teamwork and this time squeezed out a 1-0 victory over the same opponent. The one goal was off a ball mis-hit by Foggia's Milan-born midfielder, Gualtiero Grandini.

Gullit complained that his service to Milan, which in-

cludes risking his future by playing on an infirm knee, deserved better. He left, grim faced, at halftime.

His motivation is now ferociously high. On Wednesday night, Gullit captains the Netherlands in a match against

the club as his theater or laboratory.

A couple of Milan's players, speaking softly lest they lose their place on the payroll, fear the boss may destroy his of the Italian players share the rewards Gullit has helped reap for Milan; the Italian team manager, Arrigo Sacchi, was Gullit's boss at Milan until a year ago, when he publicly suggested Gullit was finished; and the Dutch captain will be trying to transmit a message to Berinsconi and his new team manager, Fabio Capello.

Also on Wednesday, Papin will be playing for France in a World Cup qualifier against Bulgaria. Papin has to snap out of the feeble form shown in his Milan debut, he has to try to put his country above personal pressures, and he has to forage in Sofia without Eric Cantona, who, despite rampant scoring form with his English club Leeds United, says he is not in the mood to help France rescue its utation after an atrocious European Championship.

scored a remarkable 10 goals from midfield for a poor Bari side last season, was bought by Juventus, whose manager, Giovanni Trapattoni, promptly sought to make him more Cagliari. Platt was the surplus foreigner of Juventus's four. The

team drew, 0-0, and Platt's single word when he learned that he was not needed for duty is not repeatable here. Perhaps he was not listening when Agnelli wryly com-mented two weeks ago that "I suspect we may see Platt only in home games this season." And perhaps Agnelli is a changed man from the paymaster I knew as one unlikely to be content while a \$13 million investment sits idle.

But then Juventus is playing Berluscom's game now. It has a Brazilian, an Englishman and two Germans, and four into three doesn't go. Others are in the same fix: Fiorentina has six foreigners; Lazio, Parma and Atalanta five and a bost of others four.

It is all a world away for one nearly famous goalie. Jens-Martin Knudsen is not Italian, not overpaid, and not over there. But he is the last line of defense for the Faeroe Islands in Wednesday's World Cup qualifier against Wales in Cardiff.

"I have seen Ian Rush and Mark Hughes many times on television," Kundsen says with enthusiasm. "I am willing to pay to play against them."
Pay he will Knudsen, the goalkeeper with the bobble

hat, will lose a week's wages, between \$600 and \$800 from his fish factory job, to journey to Wales. It is nothing new. since he calculates that the island team's adventures cost bim half his annual salary. "The association would like to belp," he says, "but they

The Italians, on the other hand, have it to spare.

have no money." Papin made the team last Sunday. He took the place of Rund Gullit, but the effect in attack of Papin partnering to assert their anthority. England's David Platt, having Reb Highes is on the stuff of the Sunday Times.

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SIDELINES

Salonen's Car Explodes During Rally PARIS (AFP) - Tino Salonen of Finland, the 1985 world rally champion, and co-driver Christian Delferier of France escaped from their Citroen ZX just before it exploded during Tuesday's fourth stage of the Paris-Moscow-Beijing rally.

They said the car caught fire while they were traveling at more than 130 kph (80 mph) across the plains of Kazakhstan.

Salonen's Citroën teammate, Pierre Lartigue, still led but his lead over fellow Frenchman Bruno Saby in a Mitsubishi was cut by more than three minutes to 1 minute, 33 seconds. Bjorn Waldegard of Sweden was third.

Philippine Age Dispute Continues MANILA (AP) — The parents of Ian Tolentino, a member of the Philippine team that won the Little League World Series, insisted

edged he was in his third year of high school.

Filipino newspapers alleged last week that several Filipino players, including Tolentino, were older than the allowed 12 years. Teodoro Tolentino, who said Ian began school at age 4½, told the radio station DZXL that "my son was born on Sept. 22, 1979, not 1978, as the reports said." He showed his son's passport as proof, but did not present

a copy of the boy's birth certificate. For the Record

Andrea Moda, the Italian Formula One team whose head, Antonio Sassetti, was arrested at the Spa-Francorchamps track in Belgium two Sassetti, was arrested at the Spar-Francouniants awar in beginn two weeks ago and charged with fraud, was banned for the season Tuesday by FISA for bringing "the championship into disrepute." (Reuters)

Denes Nagy, a Hungarian shot-putter who won a silver medal, tested positive for an anabolic steroid and became athlete expelled from the Paralympics for using an illegal drug.

Mark Herrmann, less than 24 hours after quarterbacking the Indianapolis Colts to their first opening-game victory in nine years, was released to make room on the roster for Jack Trudeau, who had a two-game exemption after holding out until Aug. 28.



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It's George S. Claus

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Everybody at our house was excited about President Bush roaming the United States granting boons. He had been seen in North Dakota giving big money to wheat people. Then he had turned up in Texas where a lot of people who make high-tech warplanes for a living were about to be obless on account of high-tech war becoming such a slow business.

"Not to worry," the president told those Texans, or words to that effect. He had changed his foreign policy, whether China liked it or not, so Taiwan could buy billions of dollars worth of high-tech warplanes. Oh, what joy in Texas! It was like the end of "It's a

Wonderful Life" with James Stewart under the Christmas tree surrounded by loving friends, goodness and, yes, financial security.

Mother was still mopping her tears when Uncle Cleve burst in with news that Bush had just announced that, contrary to longstanding Pentagon plans, Florida's Homestead Air Force Base would not be closed after all, even though Hurricane Andrew had just destroyed it.

"I can't wait for President Bush ω come to our town," Uncle Cleve said. Little Rose said, "We'd better clean the chimney and open the damper so he won't have any trouble getting in.'

Mother explained that Bush doesn't come down the chimney. "And he doesn't travel by reindeer cither," said little Laura, who is really 100 wise for her years. "He travels by two great big airplanes, one holding the president and the money he's giving away, and the other holding the media who have to take pictures of the joy he's spreading."

Uncle Irwin suggested we get the children to bed early. While the re-cord on this phase of the Bush presidency was very skimpy, maybe the president wouldn't come unless the children were snuggled tight in their

I said the president would surely want the photo-op people to have a background of tiny tots with their eyes all alight. "And how about some tykes with eyes as big as sau-cers?" asked little Kate, who is already a wise guy at age 7.

Uncle Irwin wasn't amused by Kate's cynicism. And no wonder. His business went bankrupt last winter for lack of customers, and he had serious things on his mind, as we discovered when we started writ-ing our letters telling Bush what we wanted for the election.

Uncle Irwin was asking for \$4.5 million in cash to satisfy his creditors and 17,000 new customers ready to spend.

"That's selfish," said Uncle Cleve. "Putting 17,000 customers on two planes - there wouldn't be room to bring goodies for the rest of us."

We sympathized with Uncle Cleve. He is in the business of restoring beautiful but decaying old houses for young investment bankers and, not having worked for two years, he wanted the president to bring him five beautiful but decaying old

ment bankers. As in all families, excessive greed marred many of the letters to the president. For instance, Cousin Bart, who can't afford health insurance for his large, excessively ailing and death-prone family, asked the

houses furnished with young invest-

president to bring him some. Bart started to hang a stocking on the mantle so the president could stuff it with health insurance, but Grandfather put his foot down.

"You're asking the president to bring socialized medicine into this house," he said, "and while I know the president will never stand for socialized medicine, he might be affected by the spirit of the season and suffer a temporary lapse of policy. I won't permit it in this house."

No, Grandfather is not a doctor, just a man of principle who has lived 95 years free of illness and believes everybody else can do the same by refusing the temptations to use any of Grandfather's funds in the public

Sister Elvira wrote the shortest letter to the president. She is a single mother. Her letter said, "Bring me the head of J. Danforth Quayle." Our hopes for a visit from Bush

are not high. Still, we lie awake far into the night listening for the clatter of airplane wheels on the rooftop and the "Ho ho ho" of a jolly old gent stepping out of Air Force One.

New York Times Service

CyberClassic Thriller With Happy Ending

By Richard Harrington

Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON — Brett Leonard sounds like one happy director. "I feel like I'm having my cake and eating it too," says the man who made "The Lawnmower Man," one of the most successful independent films of the past decade, then basically made it again the way he wanted.
Therein lies a tale of two films: "Lawnmower Man," a

March theatrical release that ran 105 minutes, and "Lawnmower Man," the "director's cut" video that runs an extra half-hour and is proving a critical and commercial hit in its second life. And the best part is that New Line Cinema, which

truncated the film in the first place, came to Leonard and funded the new version. Of course, everything had been filmed already and then edited to death.

"I just put the story back in," says the 30-year-old Leonard of his first studio feature. (A 1989 horror thriller, "The Dead Pit," was Leonard's feature debut; both were written with his wife, Gimel Everett, who also served as producer on the films.)

Reviewed in March, "Lawnmower Man" was castigated in The Washington Post for being "short on plot." No wonder Stephen King wanted his name off the film he never wrote.

Leonard's "Lawnmower Man" is a cautionary fable about Jobe Smith (Jeff Fahey), a mentally retarded inno-cent who teams up with Dr. Lawrence Angelo (Pierce Brosnan) when the doctor's intelligence enhancement ex-periments end with the death of his prize chimp.

Thanks to "virtual reality," an emerging computer technology that allows people to function within animated inner worlds, Jobe's IQ and libido quickly improve — to the level of extrasensory powers that quickly go awry when Jobe develops a CyberChrist complex. The computer-generated sequences are dazzling as well as innovative."

"It was my first major film, and it was a genre-based

film," says Leonard from his Santa Monica, California, production office. "At the same time. I felt I was making a full story with full character development. New Line cut that out and cut to the chase - in this case, the special effects — to satisfy the 14 to 21-year-old male target

Cut? We're talking major surgery, with the elimination of a 10-minute section almost at the beginning of the film that merely introduces the main characters, establishes their relationships and provides a thematic preview of what is to come. A later key sequence detailing Jobe's mental and emotional transformation was reduced from four minutes to 20 seconds.

With the emergence of the home video industry, directors' cuts have become more common. A few big-name films have featured them, most recently "The Godfather III" and "Dances With Wolves." And "Blade Runner" is coming back to theaters and video stores soon with significant changes, including a new ending. There's also a minor trend to restore scenes of sex and violence excised from theatrical release to gain R ratings from the Motion Picture Association of America.

Seldom, though, has an independent film restored so much. More than half an hour had been cut, not by censors, but by the triple pressures of production dead-lines, test marketing and audience expectations.

"It's indicative of something that's happened in theatri-cal film distribution," Leonard complains, "the feeling that an audience, particularly for a 'genre' picture, doesn't

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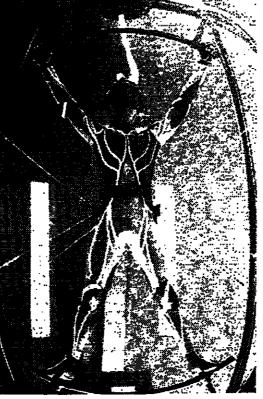
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have an attention span much beyond 90 minutes." And with a low budget — less than \$6 million for "Lawnmower Man" — post-production times get shortened because people want to get their money back quicker," Leonard explains. It didn't help that it was a technically sophisticated film. When making the theatrical version, Leonard says, "I never was really able to do a 'director's cut.' I literally slapped together a rough cut and tested it and essentially that's what they based the whole thing on." And there's another villain: the preview audience judg-ing a hurriedly assembled print for "scientific analysis" by

research firm. That audience found the film too long "I think it's a much more mysterious process how a film finds an audience," says Leonard. "A good movie is a good movie and the audience will respond to it, which has

been proved out by the response to my director's cut. It has outsold the theatrical version eight to one." In fact, from here on, the primary version of "Lawn mower Man" will be Leonard's director's cut. It has sold a quarter of a million copies so far. "Lawnmower Man" in theaters was more successful than anyone could have imag-ined, grossing \$32 million in the United States and another \$30 million overseas. "It will top out at \$75 million worldwide theatrically," says Leonard. "It's one of the top 10 highest-grossing independent films ever. And if you put [cost against profit], we're in the top five, so it's been a phenomenally financially successful film for all involved."

Its "very modest" budget didn't keep "Lawamower

Man" from looking like a much more expensive produc-tion; critics particularly praised its digital computerized VR sequences. "We did 20 minutes of computer graphic effects in a low-budget horror film context and I am overjoyed at what we came up with," says Leonard. The results, he adds, were groundbreaking for digital computer technology. "We've shown you don't have to spend \$100

million to get terrific computer graphic effects."

Angel Studios was responsible for two major, muchtalked-about sequences: What many believe is the first VR
sex scene and a "Scanners"-style showdown in VR screenspace between CyberJobe and Dr. Angelo. "The focus of the film was never going to be the CyberSex scene," Leonard says, denying the rumors that the sequence was censored. "We didn't want to go to pornographic levels; that was just a subplot." There will be a small cut in the

CyberSex scene when NBC airs the movie next year. The network also demanded cuts in the showdown scene. But that is minor compared with some of the cutting and subsequent pasting he had to do when "Lawnmowr Man" lost a half-hour, leaving Leonard to play
catch-up on continuity. "It was a horrifying challenge to
have it make any sense at all," he says.

"A film this successful will definitely have a sequel," says Leonard. "Gimel and I have committed to being involved as writers and producers. Jobe is going to evolve to another form in VR, becoming a positive figure battling other elements that are trying to come through the virtual dimension. He'll be a super-hero with tragic edges."

PEOPLE

Jerry Lewis Show Raises \$45 Million Despite Row Jerry Lewis's annual Labor Day telethon has ended with a record \$45.8 million in pledges to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. despite criticism by muscular dystrophy victims upset with his fund-raising methods. Critics complain that Lewis uses pity to coax contribations from viewers and corpo-rate sponsors. Evan Kemp, chair-man of the Equal Employment Copportunity Commission, said, "I have always had problems with the

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The Helmsley Palace Hotel has undergone its own bloodless revolution. New managers have taken over and Leons Floria have taken serving a four-year prison sentence for tax evasion, has been quietly deposed. A group of limited partners, including Paul Newman, turned management of the hotel over to the Interstate Hotels Corp. The hotel will be renamed the New York Heimsley Palace next week, but eventually the Heimsley name will come out altogether and it will become the New York Palace.

"Dark Side of the Heart," Argentine filmmaker Eliseo Subiels's witty tale of a young poet's rela-tionship with a prostutte, has won the award for best film at the Montreal Film Festival. The Hungarian Miklos Janeso was named the best director for "Blue Danube Waitz." a story of corruption in post-Communist Hungary. Pascale Bussière was best actress in "La Vie Fantome," by the Quebec filmmaker Jacques Leduc and Richard Berry was named best actor for his role in the French film "Le Petit Prince a

Rapper Ice-T's controversial song "Cop Killer" has been banned by the Irish state radio after complaints from police.

Madonna's wedding present from ex-husband Sean Pena, a 1956 Ford Thunderbird, fetched \$60,000 at the International Collector Car Auction in Auburn, Indiana. An Indianapolis man said he bought it "as a gift for someone. They don't know about it." He declined to identify himself to preserve the surprise.

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